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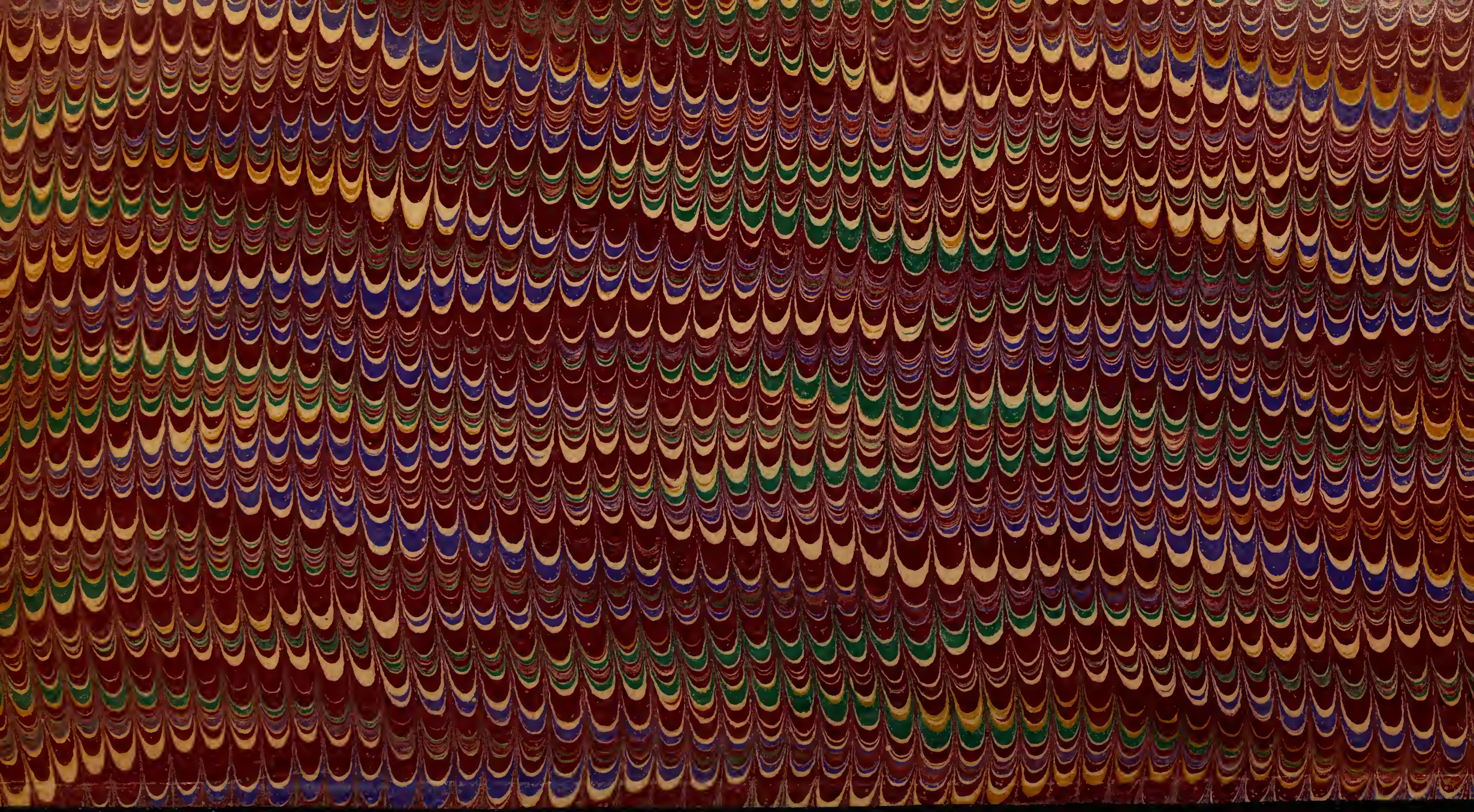

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BOSTON, JANUARY 1, 1900.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Mayor's office, City Hall, at 9.15 A.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast. Also present the Mayor and Superintendent Pettigrew.

The Board passed the following acts taking lands for playgrounds:

In Board of Park Commissioners
January 1, 1900.

The Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, by virtue and in part execution of the authority given to it by chapter 412 of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, and chapter 279 of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, does hereby take for a playground the following described parcel of land, in that part of Boston formerly called West Roxbury, supposed to belong to the President and Fellows of Harvard College, bounded northwesterly by washington street, 400 and 12/100 feet; northeasterly by other land of said President and Fellows of Harvard College, 906 and 87/100 feet; southeasterly by land supposed to belong to Clarence E. Tuttle, 655 and 23/100 feet; southwesterly by other land of said President and Fellows of Harvard College, 841 feet: containing 449,600 square feet, more or less, said parcel being shown on a plan of land in West Roxbury taken for a Playground January 1,1900, signed by C. E. Putnam, Ass't Engineer, on file in the office of this Board, a copy whereof is to be filed in the Suffolk Registry of Deeds.

Charles E. Stratton,
Laban Pratt,
Jas. M. Prendergast.
The Board of Park Commissioners
of the City of Boston.

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A parcel of land supposed to belong to the Devisees under will of William J. Rotch, bounded southeasterly by Columbus avenue 410 feet; southwesterly by lot 8 on plan made by C.H.W. Wood Company, Surveyors, dated April 17, 1899, on file in the office of this Board, 64 and 7/100 feet; northwesterly by lot 2 on said plan, 523 feet; easterly by land of persons unknown, 189 and 76/100 feet: containing 45,486 square feet, more or less,and being lot 1 on said plan.

A parcel of land supposed to belong to Annie M. Pollard, Gertrude P. Noble, and the Heirs or Devisees of Isaac N.Tucker, bounded southwesterly by lot 8 on the plan hereinbefore mentioned, 42 and 6/10 feet; northwesterly by land of the Boston and Providence Railroad Company, 372 and 54/100 feet; northeasterly by land supposed to belong to the United States Cordage Company, 84 and 44/100 feet; southeasterly by lot 6 on said plan, 375 and 18/100 feet: containing 22,056 square feet, more or less, and being lot 7 on said plan.

A parcel of land belonging to a person or persons unknown, bounded southeasterly by Columbus avenue, 42 and 42/100 feet; westerly by lot 1 on the plan hereinbefore mentioned, 139 and 76/000 feet; northwesterly by lot B on said plan, 31 and 83/100 feet; easterly by land hereinafter described as taken from the West End Street Railway Company by two lines, 49 and 63/100 feet and 117 and 63/100 feet: containing 5,361 square feet, more or less, and being lot A on said plan.

A parcel of land supposed to belong to the West End Street Railway Company, bounded southeasterly by Columbus avenue by a straight line, 63 and 97/100 feet, by a curved line of 1986 feet radius, 237 and 36/100 feet, and by a straight line, 10 and 89/100 feet; westerly by lots A, B, C, D, and E on the plan hereinbefore mentioned by two lines, 117 and 63/100 feet, and 207 and 95/100 feet; northeasterly by land supposed to belong to L. G. Burnham, 65/100 of a foot; northwesterly by the same, 107 and 11/100 feet; northeasterly by Camden street, 262 and 82/100 feet: containing 50,645 square feet, more or less, and being lot 9 on said plan.

Also all the rights if any of any and all persons in and to lot numbered eight on said plan.

Charles E. Stratton,
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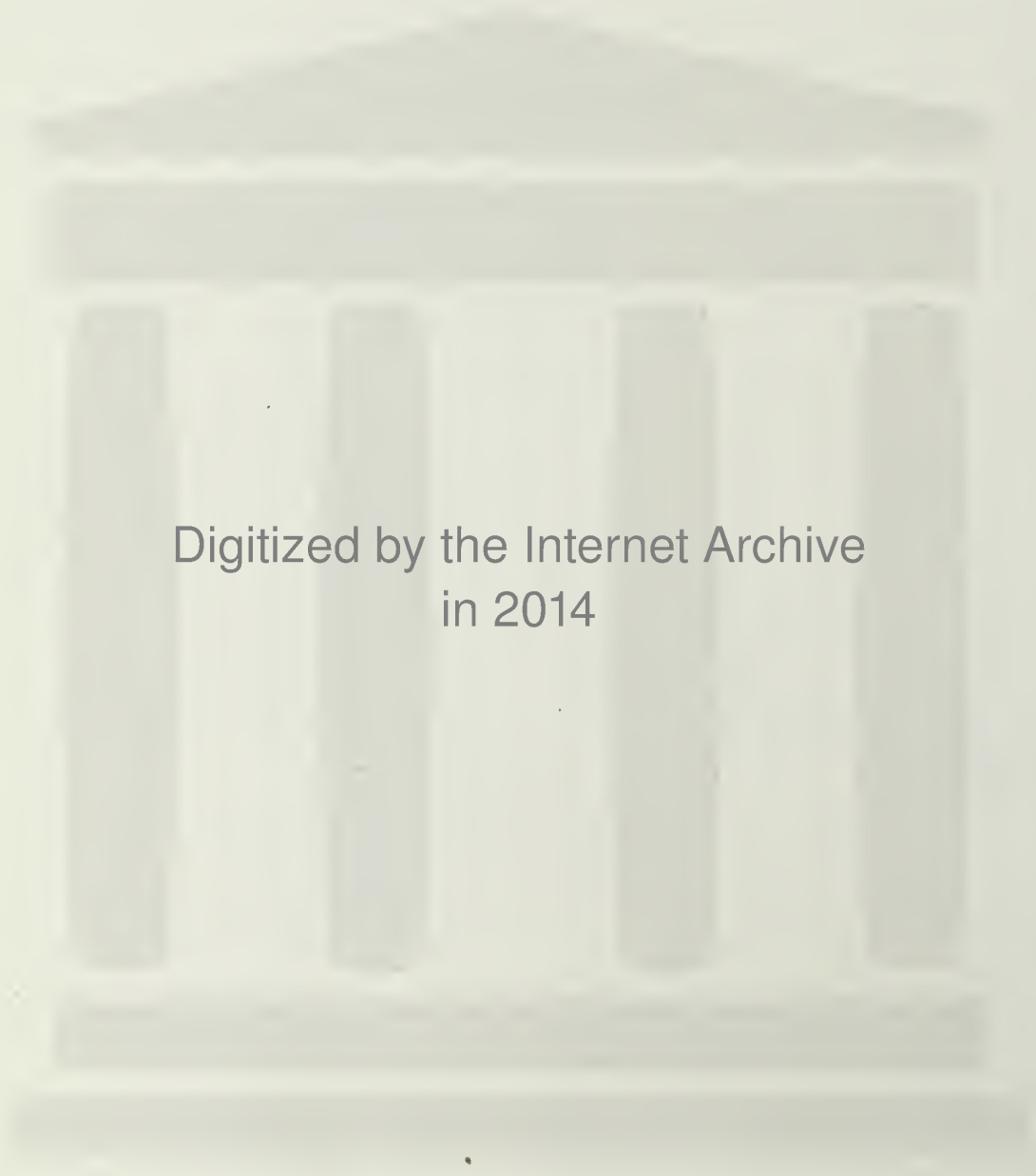
Jas. M. Prendergast,
The Board of Park Commissioners,
of the City of Boston.



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VOTED, that whereas by an act of this Board passed January 1, 1900, a parcel of land containing 45,480 square feet on Columbus avenue in Boston, supposed to belong to the Devisees under the will of William J. Rotch, was taken for a playground as appears by said act, there be awarded and paid to the said Devisees of William J. Rotch the sum of eighty thousand six hundred and fifty-nine and 78/100 dollars, upon their proving title thereto and giving a deed or release for the same, also an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs, and expenses in consequence of said taking, satisfactory to the City Solicitor, subject to any assessment for the extension and construction of Columbus avenue, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Playgrounds.

VOTED, that whereas by an act of this Board passed January 1, 1900, a parcel of land containing 22,056 square feet, in the rear of Columbus avenue in Boston, supposed to belong to Annie M. Pollard, Gertrude P. Noble, and the Heirs or Devisees of Isaac N. Tucker, was taken for a playground, as appears by said act, there be awarded and paid to the said Annie M. Pollard and Gertrude P. Noble the sum of nine thousand six hundred and fifty-two and 43/100 dollars for an undivided half of said estate, upon their proving title thereto and giving a deed or release for the same, also an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs, and expenses in consequence of said taking, satisfactory to the City Solicitor, subject to taxes for 1899 and to any assessment for the laying out and construction of Columbus avenue, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Playgrounds.

VOTED, that whereas by an act of this Board passed January 1, 1900, a parcel of land containing 22,056 square feet in the rear of Columbus avenue in Boston, supposed to belong to Annie M. Pollard, Gertrude P. Noble, and the Heirs or Devisees of Isaac N. Tucker, was taken for a playground as appears by said act, there be awarded and paid to the said Heirs or Devisees of Isaac N. Tucker the sum of nine thousand six hundred and fifty-two and 43/100 dollars for an undivided half of said estate, upon their proving title thereto and giving a deed or release for the same, also an acquittance and discharge of all

damages, costs, and expenses in consequence of said taking, satisfactory to the City Solicitor, subject to taxes for 1899, and to any assessment for the laying out and construction of Columbus avenue, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Playgrounds.

VOTED, that whereas by an act of this Board passed January 1, 1900, a parcel of land containing 50,645 square feet on Columbus avenue and Camden street in Boston, supposed to belong to the West End Street Railway Company, was taken for a playground as appears by said act, there be awarded and paid to the said West End Street Railway Company the sum of one hundred and five thousand and seventy-three and 39/100 dollars, upon its proving title thereto and giving a deed or release for the same, also an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs, and expenses in consequence of said taking, satisfactory to the City Solicitor, subject to any assessment for the extension and construction of Columbus avenue, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Playgrounds.

VOTED, that there be allowed and paid to Nathaniel H.Taylor, City Collector, the sum of two hundred twenty-one and 39/100 dollars, in payment of the taxes for 1899 upon the estate of Brice S. Evans, taken for Columbus Avenue Playground, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Playgrounds.

VOTED, that there be allowed and paid to Nathaniel H.Taylor, City Collector, the sum of one hundred seventy-two and 92/100 dollars, in payment of the taxes for 1899 upon the estate of Henry D. Williams and Brice S. Evans heirs, taken for Columbus Avenue Playground, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Playgrounds.

VOTED, that whereas by an act of this Board passed November 20, 1899, a parcel of land containing 125,412 square feet on Robert street and South Fairview street extended, in Roslindale, West Roxbury, supposed to belong to the Heirs or Devisees of John Pearce, was taken for a playground, as appears by said act, there be awarded and paid to the Devisees under the will of

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John Pearce the sum of sixteen thousand five hundred and seventy-one and 36/100 dollars, upon their proving title thereto and giving a deed or release of the same, including all rights of said Devisees in that part of South Fairview street extended, included in said taking, together with an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs, and expenses on account of said taking, satisfactory to the City Solicitor, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Playgrounds.

VOTED, that whereas by an act of this Board passed November 20, 1899, a parcel of land containing 32,475 square feet on Robert street, South Walter street, and South Fairview street extended, in Roslindale, West Roxbury, supposed to belong to Edward Orchard and Richard T. Hewitson, was taken for a playground,as appears by said act, there be awarded and paid to the said Edward Orchard and Richard T.Hewitson the sum of eight thousand one hundred and eighteen and 75/100 dollars, upon their proving title thereto and giving a deed or release of the same, including all rights of said Edward Orchard and Richard T. Hewitson in that part of South Fairview street extended,included in said taking, together with an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs, and expenses on account of said taking, satisfactory to the City Solicitor, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Playgrounds.

A communication from City Solicitor Babson recommending settlements in the suits of Franklin King, and Franklin King and others, for $22,000.00 and $10,500.00,respectively, was received and laid over.

An order of the Common Council requesting that Franklin Field be flooded for skating was received and placed on file.

A communication was received from Professor F.W.Chandler stating that if the building which Mr.Lavalle has designed to be erected on the corner of Westland avenue and Hemenway street comes within the jurisdiction of the Park Commissioners, it cannot be built under the law which limits the height of buildings to seventy feet, and that he had so notified him.

Communications from Warren F. Kelloggcommending the work which has lately been done in improving the saddle paths, and

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from the Board of Police stating that they would instruct their officers to enforce strict obedience of park regulations on Charlesgate at Marlboro street and on Commonwealth avenue, were received and placed on file.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, JANUARY 8, 1900.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent reported on the order of the City Council regarding the payment of teamsters for over-time, that their present pay and privileges compensated them for extra time, and that the positions are considered promotions from the rank of laborers and are largely sought after.

The Superintendent reported that the occupants of the brick house on Charlestown Playground continued to be in arrears of rent, and that the building has been covered by flaring advertisements. A communication from the tenant was also received, stating his inability to pay, and the Chairman was directed to confer with Mr. S. R. Knights with regard to fixing a time for the sale of the house, and the buildings formerly belonging to the Tufts Mill Pond property, also the old hospital building on Castle Island.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the golf privilege at Franklin Park, recommending its discontinuance, the opening of the grounds to the public free of charge, and the utilization of the shelter on Schoolmaster Hill as a golf house.

The Superintendent reported on the communication of the New England Electric Vehicle Transportation Company regarding the right of their vehicles to enter parkways upon which there are residences, for the purpose of receiving and delivering passengers, recommending the opening of the parkways to such vehicles.

Action upon the two latter reports was deferred.

Communications from the Board of Health regarding the nui-

sance caused by paper blowing from the dump on Brookline avenue; and from the Board of Police stating that their officers would be instructed to enforce the requirement that contractors erecting buildings on Commonwealth avenue maintain foot-ways, eight feet in width, along the line of present sidewalks, were received and placed on file.

Mr. Thomas H. Canning came before the Board and asked that B. F. Cullity, who cut his hand while in discharge of his duty, be given half pay for ten days lost time on account of the injury. He also asked, in the name of his organization, that handymen, laborers, be put on half time with the other employees, so that all may have the same opportunity of working.

VOTED, that B. F. Cullity, laborer, be allowed half pay for ten days lost time, on account of an injury to his hand while in discharge of his duty.

A communication was received from President Bancroft of the Boston Elevated Railway Company, enclosing bond for one thousand dollars for the Seaver street location, and the Secretary was instructed to call President Bancroft's attention to the fact that the vote permitting tracks on Seaver street calls for a bond of twenty thousand dollars.

The Superintendent submitted a report in regard to the temporary improvement of the walks between Boylston street and the Fenway houses, and a copy of the report was sent to Mr. Mandell with the atatement, that the Superintendent has been instructed to see that his cause for complaint is removed.

The Superintendent submitted a report that the newly appointed sergeant at Castle Island intended making extensive preparations for opening a restaurant and refreshment stand, in the house occupied by him, which, in the interest of the department, should be prohibited. The report was referred to the Chairman to bring the matter to the attention of Colonel Charles R. Suter.

Mr. Milton C. Paige came before the Board with reference to a settlement of the claim of the Massachusetts School for the Feeble Minded, for damages for the taking of about 1660 feet of their estate, for the Strandway. Mr. Paige said that he and others had bought the property, and desired that a settlement be made so that the deeds could be passed. The Commissioners said that they would take up the matter of an award at their next meeting.

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VOTED, that the Law Department be authorized to settle the case of Franklin King, for damages for land taken for the Strandway, for the sum of twenty-two thousand dollars, without interest.

VOTED, that the Law Department be authorized to settle the case of Franklin King et al.,for damages for land taken for the Strandway, for the sum of ten thousand five hundred dollars, without interest.

A communication was received from C. F. Day, City Conveyancer, requesting a draft in favor of Stanley W. Richardson,et al.,for land taken for Savin Hill Playground, including authority for his department to accept the deed subject to an unpaid assessment for sewer in Springdale street, and with a reservation in fee to the grantors of the right to use Springdale street in common with the City,and all other persons lawfully entitled,for all the purposes for which public ways now are or at any time hereafter may be commonly used in the City of Boston. It was thereupon

VOTED, that whereas by an act of this Board passed September 18, 1899, a parcel of marsh land, beach, and flats containing 809,200 square feet, more or less, on Springdale street in that part of Boston which was formerly Dorchester, supposed to belong to the heirs or devisees of William Worthington, was taken for a playground as appears by said act, there be awarded and paid to Stanley W. Richardson, Martha L. Richardson, and Rachel H. Roberts the sum of twenty-six thousand five hundred and fourteen and 15/100 dollars upon their proving title thereto and giving a deed or release for the same, also an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs, and expenses in consequence of said taking satisfactory to the City Solicitor, subject to an unpaid assessment for sewer in said Springdale street and a reservation in fee to the grantors of the right to use Springdale street in common with the City and all other persons lawfully entitled, for all the purposes for which public ways now are or at any time hereafter may be commonly used in the City of Boston, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment,said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Playgrounds.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, JANUARY 22, 1900.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

A report was submitted by the Superintendent in regard to the disposal of the buildings on Charlestown Playground, which was placed on file.

A report from the Superintendent recommending the installation of a gas engine, shafting, and pulleys for steam power at the repair shops, Franklin Park, was received and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to install the plant as proposed by him, in accordance with estimate, amounting to $980.00.

A communication from the Boston Elevated Railway Company enclosing bond for twenty thousand dollars, for the Seaver street location, was received and placed on file.

A communication from the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company estimating the expense of pipe and telephone cable to the administration yard and nursery, Franklin Park, at $180.00, was received and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to have the work done.

Communications from the Fire Commissioner, regarding the cost of locating a fire alarm box, and from the Police Department declining to locate a signal box, at the administration yard, Franklin Park, also from the latter regarding instructions issued by them for keeping the sidewalk open on Commonwealth avenue, were received and placed on file.

A communication from Louis Derr, relating to his experience with automobiles, was received and placed on file.

Requests of the Metropolitan Park Commission for concurrence in taking lands for Neponset River Reservation, shown on Metropolitan Park Commissioners, plans number 239 and 241, and described in said takings; and abandonment of rights of way to the Boston and Albany Railroad Company arising from the taking of lands for the Charles River Reservation, were received. The Board concurred in the said takings and abandonment, by signing the accompanying papers.

The report of the Superintendent recommending the abolition of the golf privilege at Franklin Park, was taken from the table. and it was

VOTED, that the golf links at Franklin Park be hereafter

maintained at the expense of the department, and opened to the public free of charge, under the direction of the Superintendent.

Mr. Albert C. Fernald submitted a plan for a proposed office and locker building, which he had designed to take the place of the detached lockers now on the Boston Yacht Club grounds, with the request that the plan be approved and the Club be permitted to construct the building. The Commissioners took the plan under advisement.

A communication was received from R. F. Sturgis in regard to the right of the New England Electric Vehicle Transportation Company to enter parkways for receiving and delivering passengers, and it was

VOTED, that the regulations governing the operation of motor vehicles on the public parks or boulevards be amended by adding at the end thereof the words,- or to gain access by the shortest way from the nearest street to a house fronting on a parkway,- so that the last clause of said regulations shall read as follows;- No person shall run or operate a motor vehicle on the public parks between the hours of 10.30 A.M. and 9 P.M.,except upon the traffic roads or to gain access by the shortest way from the nearest street to a house fronting on a parkway.

The Board considered the matter of damages for land taken from the Massachusetts School for the Feeble Minded, and a proposition to pay $882.35 for a deed of the same was sent to Milton C. Paige.

The Board voted to send notices to the Western Union Telegraph Company to remove its wires crossing Audubon Road bridge, before March 1, 1900, and to place them under said bridge;also to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, and Boston Electric Light Company, to remove their poles and wires standing upon or crossing park grounds, before May 1, 1900.

Notice from Julius Pratt of special rates for fire insurance on the repair shops and stable at Franklin Park, was received and it was Voted, to authorize him to have the policies written.

The Superintendent submitted a request of Foreman William R. Jeffery for half pay for time lost, owing to sickness, and a certificate from Dr. Bridgeman that said Jeffery had been under his care since November 28, and at no time has he been

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well enough to work, and it was Voted, to refuse Mr. Jeffery's application for half pay.

Geo. F. Clark,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, JANUARY 29, 1900.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at 64 Pemberton square at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted reports in regard to putting the department on a permanent basis as regards appropriations for improvements and maintenance, and the pensioning of employees who are physically unfit for work.

An order of the Common Council requesting that Wood Island Park be kept in condition for skating was received and placed on file.

A report of the Committee of the Massachusetts Emergency and Hygiene Association in charge of the Women's Division at Charlesbank, giving an account of the work for the past year, was received and referred to the Chairman for publication with the annual report of the Board.

A communication from Julius Pratt giving rates for insurance on locker and lavatory building at Christopher Gibson Playground, was received and it was

VOTED, to authorize the insurance of the building at the rate named.

A communication from the Standard Rope and Twine Company offering land on Camden street, adjoining the Columbus Avenue Playground, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

Communications from the Board of Police relative to permitting automobiles to run as usual on Commonwealth avenue, and amendment to regulations regarding automobiles entering parks to receive and deliver passengers, were received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from the Board of Police relative to the

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complaint of William G. Gibson,of boys molesting squirrels on the Arborway, was received and placed on file.

VOTED, that Willie Campbell be permitted to repair, sell, and let golf sticks and balls, and teach golf at Franklin Park links, for the coming season.

Messrs Henry M. White and G. W. Morrison came before the Board with reference to the application of W. T. Sears for permission to occupy part of the sidewalk of Tremont Entrance, adjoining Mr. White's land, for a temporary building to store materials to be used in the construction of Mrs. Gardner's house. The Commissioners stated that they would decline to permit such occupancy as would prevent the public from having an unobstructed passage eight feet in width between the tree border and the lot line. (Subsequently, at the suggestion of the Superintendent, this reserved space was reduced to six feet.)

Mr. R. T. Paine,Jr., Rev. H. R. Talbot of St. Stephen's Parish, Messrs Joseph Lee, J. J. Minot M.D., F. E. Haynes, and Miss Helen Dudley came before the Board to urge the establishment of a playground in the vicinity of Dover street. Vacant lots on both sides of Randolph street were referred to as favorably situated. The Commissioners suggested, that, as the Board lacked means for securing such a playground, the matter be brought to the attention of the Mayor.

A hearing was given to Simon J. Donovan on his claim for extra compensation under his contract for grading on the Strandway. Mr. Donovan submitted a statement of his claim, which the Board referred to the Superintendent and Assistant Engineer C. F. Putnam, for examination and report.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, FEBRUARY 5, 1900.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Communications from the New England Telephone and Telegraph

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Company, and Western Union Telegraph Company, relating to removal of poles and wires, were received and placed on file, the Chairman already having replied to the latter communication.

An application from Mr. John Lavalle, architect, for approval of plan for building to be erected at the corner of Hemenway street and Westland avenue, was received and referred to Professor F. W. Chandler, consulting architect for the City.

A communication from Messrs Wales & Holt recommending the release of Wilbur J. Hatch from his bond on contract for building a locker and lavatory building at Christopher Gibson Playground, was received and the Secretary was directed to notify the American Surety Company, that, in view of the fact that the building is practically completed and that there is a balance of $1568 unpaid on the contract, the Board sees no objection to releasing Mr. Hatch from renewing his bond.

An application from the East Boston Cricket Club for permission to play cricket at Wood Island Park, during the coming season, was received and it was

VOTED, that the East Boston Cricket Club be permitted, under the direction of the Superintendent of Parks, to use a portion of the playground at Wood Island Park, for the purpose of playing cricket, during the season of 1900.

A communication from the Dorchester Gentlemen's Driving Club asking for information as to the action of the Board regarding the laying out of a speedway at Franklin Field, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted the following bids for furnishing a gasoline engine for the Franklin Park repair shops, together with a report from Assistant Engineer Putnam on the merits of the various engines inspected, whose recommendation that the Fairbanks and Morse engine be ordered, he approved.

Blanchard Machine Co.	Boston,	10 H.P.Watkins Engine		$500.00
S. L. Holt & Company,	"	10 H.P.New Era	"	500.00
Holmes & Blanchard Company,	"	10 H.P.Webster	"	525.00
The Otto Gas Engine Works,	"	10 H.P.Otto	"	575.00
The Otto Gas Engine Works,	"	12 H.P.Otto	"	695.00
The C. Sheldon Company,	"	10 H.P.Globe	"	640.00
Charles J. Jager Company,	"	12 H.P.Fairbanks Morse	"	650.00

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to procure a Fairbanks and Morse Engine, in accordance with the proposal of the

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Charles J. Jager Company, in view of Mr. Putnam's report that said engine was the best of those inspected.

The Superintendent submitted a report, accompanied by a report of Assistant Engineer C. E. Putnam, in regard to Simon J. Donovan's claims for extra compensation for work done by him, under his contract for sea-wall and grading on the Strandway, as set forth in his communication to the Board, of January 11, 1900. Consideration of the matter was postponed, owing to the absence of Mr. Prendergast.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, FEBRUARY 12, 1900.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at 64 Pemberton square at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent called attention to the fact, that, after providing for outstanding obligations, and for the prosecution of planting in the spring, the appropriation for construction only has to its credit $2,551.39, which necessitates the cutting down of the force to a maintenance basis; and recommended, in view of the small number of men that can be retained, that the best workmen be selected. It was, thereupon,

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized and directed to reduce the force to the basis of the appropriation for maintenance, in accordance with his recommendation.

Executive Circular, number 2, calling attention to the ordinance which requires the annual reports of departments to be transmitted to the Mayor within thirty days after the close of the fiscal year, was received and placed on file.

Executive Circular, number 3, requesting that estimates of department requirements to be met from loans, be submitted on or before the seventeenth instant, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

VOTED, that the City Treasurer be requested to pay William T. F. McCormack, deceased, the amount due him on the pay rolls of this Department.

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The Secretary submitted bills, for one hundred dollars each, from John C. Cobb for expert investigation and reports in regard to proposed settlements with Gallagher and Bennett, for lands taken for the Strandway, and in regard to Columbus Avenue Playground, including negotiations with the Rotch estate. Also a bill of three hundred dollars for services in negotiating settlement with the Worthington estate for taking for Savin Hill Playground. The Chairman was authorized to approve the bills for payment by the City in the regular monthly draft.

A communication was sent to the Fire Commissioner with regard to a report that he was intending to place wires on the trolley poles of the Elevated Railway Company in Columbia Road.

Mr. George C. Fitzpatrick came before the Board with reference to the location of a playground at Jeffries Point, East Boston. He suggested, that, by laying out a street from Jeffries street to Maverick street, parallel to the water front, and filling the flats outside of that line, a pleasure ground and beach could be obtained without taking valuable property. The Board took the matter under consideration.

Mr. Frank A. Russell came before the Board in the interests of the owners of the Craft's estate in Brookline, who desire to extend a street from their estate through Chestnut Hill Park to Beacon street. The matter was referred to the Superintendent to confer with Mr. Russell, and report to the Board.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, FEBRUARY 19, 1900.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at 64 Pemberton square at 3.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication from Messrs Olmsted Brothers requesting that a plan of the proposed line between North Brighton Playground and Soldiers' Field be sent them, with reference to the erection of a fence on Soldiers' Field, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

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A communication from Mr. Herbert L. Harding explaining his reasons for sending a letter to the Mayor regarding the Pond street wall, was received and placed on file.

An order of the Common Council requesting that turf be grown on the base ball field on Wood Island Park, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

An order of the Common Council requesting that the shower bath privilege be continued at Charlesbank, together with a report from the Superintendent on the matter, was received and referred to the Chairman to communicate the fact to the Mayor.

A communication from Roger F. Sturgis enclosing a brief statement concerning traffic ways and streets, with request that it be certified, was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

A communication from E. M. A. Machado relating to his designs for golf house, Franklin Park, and field house, Franklin Field, made in 1897, was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

A communication from F. W. Chandler stating, that, in his opinion, the height of the building to be erected at the corber of Westland avenue and Hemenway street must not exceed seventy feet,including the roof, was received and referred to the Secretary to submit the question to the Corporation Counsel for his opinion.

Requests of Messrs Orchard and Hewitson, and estate of John Pearce, for interest from December 6, 1899 to date of payment for lands taken for park purposes, also request of Edward Orchard that the Board assume the taxes and sewer assessment on his land, also a communication from C. F. Day, City Conveyancer, relating to title to estates of John Pearce, Orchard and Hewitson, and asking what disposition will be made of the sewer assessments on said estates, were received and laid over.

An application of S. I. Hudgens for renewal of burro privilege on Franklin and Marine Parks, was received and it was

VOTED, that S. I. Hudgens be given permission to keep burros and ponies for hire on Franklin and Marine Parks, on Sundays and holidays, during the present season, provided the burros, equipments, and locations are approved by the Superintendent of Parks.

VOTED, that there be allowed and paid to John A. Rooney, the sum of eight hundred dollars of the amount reserved under

article eleven of his contract for building a wall at Norton street. Franklin Park, dated July 3, 1899, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Public Parks.

A communication from Charles T. Gallagher stating objections to making the Franklin Park golf links free, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from Henry S. Russell, Fire Commissioner, in regard to the placing of the fire alarm wires on the poles of the Elevated Railway on Columbia Road, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from George A. Wickerson, calling attention to the location of two liquor saloons on Heath street, and asking the Board to use its influence to prevent the renewal of the licenses, was received and referred to the Chairman.

A communication from George Martin & Sons requesting payment for repairs on roof of shops at Franklin Park, caused by injury from a falling derrick, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

VOTED, that the form of application for team work be amended by striking out the requirement that applications must be sworn to, and inserting a requirement that receipted tax bills must accompany the application.

A petition of Joseph Lee and others for permission to carry on playgrounds at North End Beach and North End Playground, during the year 1900, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

VOTED, that the rules for the use of the Franklin Park golf links be amended in the first two paragraphs, by requiring applications for permits to be made to the green-keeper in writing, and by permitting persons not familiar with the game to receive instructions from any person authorized to give lessons for usual fees, also by striking out the two following paragraphs, and inserting a rule that any caddy found guilty of purloining balls will be summarily discharged.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, FEBRUARY 26, 1900.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at 64 Pemberton square at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Prendergast, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

An order of the Common Council requesting plans of proposed new park and playstead south of Columbia Road, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from William Rotch stating that his agreement with John Donnelly and Sons, for rental of fence on Columbus avenue for bill posting purposes, had terminated, was received and placed on file.

A communication from E. M. A. Machardo relating to payment for plans for proposed golf house, Franklin Park, was received and placed on file, the communication having already been replied to.

A communication from Miss A. L. Tenney of the Associated Charities, calling attention to the case of Richard Haley with request that he be reinstated on the park force, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from Frederick L. Wolkins offering land adjoining the Pierce Field, Roslindale, was received and placed on file, the Chairman having already replied to the communication.

The Corporation Counsel's reply to the request of the Board for opinion on the question raised by Professor Chandler, in regard to the height of the building at the corner of Westland avenue and Hemenway street, was received, and it was

VOTED, that the roofs, chimneys, and parapets, as shown on the plans for apartment house to be built on the corner of Westland avenue and Hemenway street, submitted by John Lavalle, Architect, be approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of George Martin & Sons, for compensation for repairing injury to the copper gutter of the stable at Franklin Park, recommending the payment of five dollars, and the matter was referred to the Chairman to notify Messrs Martin and Sons to that effect.

The Superintendent reported on the application of Joseph Lee, for himself and others, to maintain playgrounds at North End Beach and North End Playground, during the coming season, that, in case the Board granted the request, the Committee make its own appointments under conditions similar to those of the Women's Gymnasium at Charlesbank.

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Mr. F. L. Olmsted, Jr. came before the Board with the plan of North Brighton Playground, referred to by Messrs Olmsted in their letter of February 17th. The Commissioners approved the proposed line with reference to a fence between the Playground and Soldiers' Field, and authorized Mr. Olmsted to so inform the Committee of Harvard University.

Geo. F. Clarke, Jr.
Sec'y.

BOSTON, MARCH 5, 1900

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Prendergast, Mr. Pratt being confined to his home by illness; also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

An order of the Common Council requesting that the Park Commissioners purchase the Marcella Street Home and grounds, and erect thereon an open-air gymnasium and bathhouse, and an order of the City Council requesting that the Columbus Avenue Playground be put in condition for use, were received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from Councilman Walter E. Henderson requesting that the subject of golf fees be reconsidered, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

Communications from City Solicitor Thomas M. Babson stating terms of settlement in the case of Willard Welch, Trustee, and from Clifford Devens relating to sewer assessment and interest on estate of John Pearce taken for Roslindale Playground, were received and laid over.

Communications from Frank N. Nay relating to the claim of Mrs. Morrill, formerly Miss Ellen Williams, for the taking of two small parcels of land on Seaver street, were received and referred to the Secretary to notify Mr. Nay that the Board will pay Mrs. Morrill the amount of the awards provided she gives the usual deed providing for restrictions on her remaining land.

A communication from James R. Carret relating to terms of settlement with the Worthington Heirs was received, and referred

to the Secretary to confer with City Conveyancer C. F. Day with regard to Mr. Carret's propositions.

The Chairman stated that he had received a reply from City Conveyancer C. F. Day in answer to his letter asking for Mr. Day's opinion as to what foundation, if any, there is for the claim of the Boston Elevated Railway Company in its request for old buildings on Columbus Avenue Playground as part compensation for interest on the price of its land from the first day of January, Mr.Day stating that he knew of none; and that he had offered the buildings to the Railway Company at the appraised value, as determined by Mr. S. R. Knights. The Chairman's action was approved.

A communication from the Western Union Telegraph Company stating that they had ordered cable for the work of changing the wires over the Boston & Albany Railroad at Fenway bridge, was received and placed on file.

A communication from George N. Prouty offering to pay five hundred dollars per year for use of that portion of the Williams Farm owned by the City, including the buildings,was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from the Police Department acknowledging receipt of amended regulations relating to motor vehicles, was received and placed on file.

A communication from Roger F. Sturgis relative to amendment of the rules relating to motor vehicles, was received and it was

VOTED, that the regulations governing the operation of motor vehicles on the public parks or boulevards be amended by inserting after the word "roads" the words,- boulevards, and highways,- so that the last part of said regulations shall read as follows: No person shall run or operate a motor vehicle on the public parks, between the hours of 10.30 A.M. and 9 P.M., except upon the traffic roads, boulevards, and highways, or to gain access by the shortest way from the nearest street to a house fronting on a parkway.

Requests for hearings by the League of American Wheelmen on the question of repealing the rule requiring lanterns on bicycles, and by a Committee of the Dorchester Gentlemen's Driving Club for a speedway on Franklin Field, were received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A request of J. Murray Forbes for an appointment to discuss

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the question of Commonwealth avenue and see if steps cannot be taken to better the condition in regard to dust, was received and laid over.

The Superintendent submitted recommendations for work at Rogers Park and North Brighton Playground, including a plan for drainage at the latter, and it was

VOTED, that the plan for drainage at North Brighton Playground be approved, and that the Superintendent be authorized to do the work, and to expend the balance of the appropriation available for said playground in filling, plowing, and grading the same, in accordance with his recommendation.

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to fence the newly drained ground at Rogers Park, and to level, plow, and seed the same, as an expense incident to said drainage and properly chargeable to the appropriation therefor.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, MARCH 12, 1900.

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Mr. Stratton's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 12 M. Present Messrs Stratton and Prendergast.

WHEREAS, by an order of the Board of Aldermen, approved by the Mayor February 27, 1900, the Special Committee of said Board appointed to investigate the management of the Park Departmentwas authorized to give public hearings, employ counsel and a stenographer, and incur such other expense as may be necessary; the expense of the same to be charged to the contingent fund of the Board of Aldermen.

THEREFORE, VOTED, that Hon. Nathan Matthews, Jr. be employed as counsel to represent this Board at said hearings.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, MARCH 19, 1900.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Mr. Stratton's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Prendergast, Mr. Pratt being absent, owing to sickness; also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Orders of the Common Council requesting that a hearing be given to the Chairman of the Board of Aldermen and the members of the Common Council from Ward 19, in regard to playgrounds and open-air gymnasium, also requesting a report on the expediency of purchasing the estate on Prince street now occupied by a bakery and stable, for the purpose of enlarging the North End Playground, were received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A resolution of the Boston Physical Education Society in support of the petition of Dr. James J. Minot and others, for leave to conduct playgrounds at North End Beach and Playground, was received and placed on file.

A communication from the Street Commissioners relative to making a plan for the laying out of Springdale street, was received and placed on file.

A request of the South Boston Yacht Club for permission to beach two rafts for repairs, was received and it was

VOTED, to grant the request, the location to be satisfactory to the Superintendent of Parks.

A communication from S. V. R. Thayer calling attention to deposits from Stony Brook Sewer, was received and placed on file, the Chairman stating that he had communicated with Mr. Thayer in regard to the matter.

Communications from the Boston Elevated Railway Company accepting proposition for the purchase of buildings on Camden street, also transmitting copy of track location plans for Columbia Road, from Franklin Park to Edward Everett square, were received and placed on file.

A communication from the Metropolitan Coal Company relative to a coal bill for the refectory, Franklin Park, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

Communications from the Police Department acknowledging protest against granting licenses on Heath street, and relative to enforcing terms of permits for erection of buildings, were received and placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report, that he had collected

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from Mrs. Maguire and Lawrence Donley the amount fraudently collected on pay rolls; and that the weak point in the system had been corrected by refusing to pay on orders, except in case of sickness, and then on the order of the Superintendent only.

The Superintendent submitted reports from Assistant Engineer Putnam on the land taken from Harvard College for a playground, and on Judge Dunbar's criticism of his award on the claim of S. J. Donovan.

VOTED, that the Law Department be authorized to accept deeds from the Devisees of John Pearce, and from Edward Orchard and Richard T. Hewitson, of the lands taken for the Roslindale Playground, subject to assessments for the sewer constructed in the new substitute street, so-called, laid out by decree of Court in connection with the railroad improvements, provided the owners will pay their proportion of the taxes for 1899.

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BOSTON, April 2, 1900.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Mr. Pratt's office, 35 Congress street, at 12.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast.

The Chairman stated that he had sent a communication to the Mayor, in reply to the order of the Board of Aldermen requesting a report of the number of teams employed in the Park Department, and amount paid owners of teams who drew no numbers.

An order of the Common Council requesting that the outside of the turns of the bicycle track in Wood Island Park be raised four feet for the safety of the riders, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

Communications from N. J. Brogan to Mayor Hart, referred to the Park Department, requesting reinstatement of M.J.Brogan, and from Alderman Joseph J. Norton for reinstatement of Martin Connelly, referred by Mr. Pettigrew to the Board, were received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from City Solicitor Thomas M. Babson relative to damages in the case of Willard Welch, for land taken for

the Strandway, was received and it was

VOTED, that the Law Department be authorized to settle the case of Willard Welch, Trustee, for damages for land taken for the Strandway in the name of Stephen P. Weld, Tr., for the sum of $9,500.00, without interest.

Communications from Z. D. Smith of the Associated Charities, Dr. James J. Minot, and Rev. W. T. Crocker relative to the establishment of supervised games at North End Beach, were received and it was

VOTED, to give the Committee of the Civic League authority to carry on a playground at North End Beach for this season: this use of the beach being agreeable to the Bath Commissioners who have been given control of the beach until June 15,1900, by a previous vote of the Board.

A communication from George Martin & Sons in regard to bill for repairing roof of stable, Franklin Park, was received and laid over.

A communication from John Dixwell, M. D. requesting that John F. Haley be granted a stand for the sale of refreshments, at Castle Island, was received and referred to the Chairman.

A request of the Boston Yacht Club for approval of plans for laying out their grounds, also that the necessary loam be furnished to bring the grade up to the grade of the sea-wall, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A communication from Joseph Trafford, requesting an entrance from the Parkway to his cafe on Heath street, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A communication from C. F. Adams 2nd relating to land taken from Harvard College, at Forest Hills, was received and placed on file.

A communication from Miss E. Holland calling attention to matters at North End Park, was received and referred to the Chairman.

On the request of Councilman M. J. McColgan that William Edward's boot-black privilege at Charlestown Playground be renewed, it was

VOTED, to continue the privilege for the present.

VOTED, that the City Treasurer be requested to pay Bridget Hegarty, widow of J. J. Hegarty, deceased, the amount due him on the pay rolls of this Department.

VOTED, that the vote of this Board of March 19, 1900, auth-

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orizing the Law Department to accept deeds from the Devisees of John Pearce, and from Edward Orchard and Richard T. Hewitson, subject to certain sewer assessments, provided the owners will pay their proportion of the taxes for 1899, be amended in the last clause by striking out the words,-their proportion of.

Adjourned to April 9, at 3 P.M.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, APRIL 9, 1900.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Prendergast, Mr. Pratt being absent from the City; also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

A complaint of Thomas Doyle, by F. T. Cromwett, Attorney, of damage to property from ball playing on Fellows Street Playground, referred by Mayor Hart to the Board for report, and information as to abutters of parks and playgrounds suffering injury from similar causes, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report. A similar letter to the Board from F. T. Cromwett was also received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

An acknowledgment, through Mr. Lee, of the action taken by the Board permitting playground supervision, by a committee of the Civic League, at North End Beach, was received and placed on file.

A petition of the Boston Transit Company for locations for the operation of automobile omnibuses in the Park System, and approval of routes, with accompanying communication from Roger F. Sturgis, was received and laid over.

VOTED, that the City Treasurer be requested to pay to M.Lu Ella Timson, widow of William H. Timson, deceased, the amount due him on the pay rolls of this Department.

A communication was received from Assistant Engineer Putnam recommending that material delivered by William L.Miller, under his contract for sea-wall and filling at the Fens, be included

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in the monthly estimates of work done and material furnished under the contract, but expressing a doubt whether the contract permitted this to be done; and it was

VOTED, to request the consent of the Mayor to the making of a contract with William L. Miller for the purchase of said material without advertising.

VOTED, that the plans for proposed office and locker building for the Boston Yacht Club, dated January 19, 1900, submitted by A. C. Fernald, Architect, be approved.

The Superintendent reported that he saw no reason for denying Mr. Trafford an entrance from the Parkway to his cafe on Heath street, provided he pays the expense of making a proper pathway through the planting strip, and the Superintendent was authorized to arrange with Mr. Trafford for making such an entrance.

A communication was received from Edward Orchard and R. T. Hewitson in relation to the payment of taxes for 1899 on the land taken from them for the Roslindale Playground, and was referred to the Chairman for reply.

VOTED, that the Superintendent make arrangements with the Committee on the Seventeenth of June Celebration to take charge of the granting of permits for the sale of refreshments and similar purposes, on said day, as in former years, at Charlestown Playground.

A communication was sent to the Mayor in reply to an order of the Board of Aldermen, requesting the Mayor to instruct the Board to reinstate the suspended laborers of this Department.

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BOSTON, APRIL 16, 1900.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Mr. Stratton's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Prendergast, Mr. Pratt being absent from the City; also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

Orders of the Common Council requesting the erection of

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benches on Charlestown Playground, inquiring when trees and shrubbery are to be planted on Fellows Street Playground, and requesting information regarding abandonment of work on the island at the end of the Marine Park pier; also an order of the Board of Aldermen requesting copy of contract, if any exists, with any party, for the use of the new wharf, or boatlanding, at Marine Park, were received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A request of J. Oliver Higgins for a hearing on the abatement of the nuisance caused by the sheep-fold at Franklin Field, and that the turnstile be removed to allow baby carriages to enter the Field, also a communication from Cyrus H. Stowell relating to his application for position of clerk at Christopher Gibson Playground, were received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A petition from school boys living in Ward 22, asking for a playground in the vicinity of their schools, was received and placed on file.

Mr. F. O. Whitney, Chief Engineer Surveying Division, came before the Board with regard to the width desirable for Springdale street, adjoining Savin Hill Playground. The Commissioners said that it would be agreeable to them if the Street Commissioners would lay out the street at its present width of thirty-five feet.

The approval of the Mayor was received to the Board's request for authority to make a contract with William L. Miller for the purchase of material, without inviting proposals therefor by advertisement.

Geo. F. Clarke.
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BOSTON, APRIL 23, 1900.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Prendergast, Mr. Pratt being absent from the City; also present Superintendent Pettigrew.

Mr. Pettigrew recommended that the application of the Edison

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Electric Illuminating Company to extend its conduit in Commonwealth avenue to Brookline avenue, be granted, and it was

VOTED, that the Secretary issue a permit as requested.

A request of Frank Lamacchia for a renewal of his permit to play the harp on Commonwealth avenue, was received and it was

VOTED, to extend the permit for one year.

The Superintendent's report on the order of the Common Council in regard to the raising of the corners of the running track at Wood Island Park, was received and a reply to the Council order was sent to the Mayor by the Chairman.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, APRIL 30, 1900.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Mr. Stratton's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Prendergast, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report of his interview with Mr. Sheldon regarding arrangements for occupancy of the new landing at Marine Park, at which Mr. Sheldon stated that he expected the same privileges at the new landing, for the care of boats and fittings, that he had under his contract at the old landing. The Superintendent also reported that Mr. Sheldon would endeavor to make arrangements with Mr. Hutchins to take care of the new landing as part compensation for the privilege of letting his sail boats.

On recommendation of the Superintendent it was

VOTED, that the Superintendent complete the planting of Commonwealth avenue, between Massachusetts avenue and Brookline avenue, with Norway maples from the stock in the Park Nursery, at an estimated expense of seventy-five dollars.

The Superintendent submitted a schedule of prices for machinery needed at the repair shops, amounting to $320.00, which could now be purchased at an advantage to the Department, and it was

VOTED, that the Superintendent purchase the machinery recommended by him.

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A communication was received from Charles H. Dalton recommending the removal of the fence which surrounds the Hamilton atatue on Commonwealth avenue, which was laid over.

On request of the West End Street Railway Company it was

VOTED, that the West End Street Railway Company be permitted to establish and maintain five additional poles on Charlestown Playground, for the operation of its cars over the Malden temporary bridge, as shown on plan dated March 24, 1900; said poles to be removed whenever their use is determined by the opening of the widened permanent structure.

VOTED, that the West End Street Railway Company be permitted to establish and maintain two additional poles on Columbia Road, near the junction of Dudley and Stoughton streets, for the support of its electric wires, in addition to those already authorized; the location of said poles being shown on a plan dated April 23, 1900, on file with its application for this permit; also to remove one pole for which said additional poles are substituted.

Executive Circular, number 4, was received and it was

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to give, to all employees who can be spared, a half-holiday on Saturday afternoons, in accordance with the Mayor's circular.

Common Council orders requesting that the golf links at Franklin Park be put in condition for immediate use, and that a public hearing for suggestions regarding desirable improvements in the rules governing the game, be given; that Columbus Avenue Playground be put in complete order for use; that additional settees be placed at Marine Park; and that a playground be established in Ward 5, were received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

Communications from George U. Crocker and F. A. Russell regarding a road through Chestnut Hill Park, from Beacon street to Brookline, were received and laid over.

A request of Thomas W. Carter for driveway entrance to his house on the Arborway, was received and laid over.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets regarding the grading of Fairview street entrance to the Arnold Arboretum, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from Elmer J. Gillett, offering to supply the Department with one or two pairs of blue heron, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

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VOTED, that the City Treasurer be requested to pay Mary Donovan, widow of Patrick Donovan, deceased, the amount due him on the pay rolls of this Department.

A communication from Mrs. Wells requesting that a fence be placed around the Women's Division at Charlesbank, and that a telephone be placed in the Women's Lodge, was submitted to the Board by the Superintendent, together with a report on the matter; and the Superintendent was directed to reply to said requests in accordance with his suggestions.

A communication was received from the Boston Yacht Club stating that the Club had voted to accept the proposition contained in the letter from the Chairman of the Board, of April 18, to furnish loam for completing the grading of its grounds in place of gravel, the Club to pay the difference in cost, not exceeding $250.00, and it was

VOTED, that the Superintendent complete the grading of the grounds with loam, and arrange with the Club as to the payment of its share of the expense.

Geo. F. Clarke,
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BOSTON, MAY 7, 1900.

A meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Mr. Stratton's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Prendergast, also Superintendent Pettigrew.

The Superintendent submitted the following bids for furnishing 15 tons of fertilizer, as per analysis specified in the invitation for bids:

Lowell Fertilizer Company,	$25.60
Bowker Fertilizer Company,	27.80
Bradley Fertilizer Company,	27.30
Armour & Company,	30.00
Joseph Breck & Sons,	30.00
Andrew H. Ward,	35.00

and it was

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to purchase the fertilizer from the Lowell Fertilizer Co., the lowest bidder.

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The Superintendent submitted a report of the Engineer in regard to the suggestion of the Honorable John F. Fitzgerald, that one or more abandoned cannon belonging to the United States Government be secured for Copp's Hill Terraces, and stated, that, in his opinion, it would be appropriate to place two small cannon there if they were of historic interest.

The Superintendent submitted a report from the Engineer in regard to the need of putting in the gate frames in the new gate-chambers before the coffer dam is removed, and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to procure the gate frames at an estimated expense of $300.00.

Executive Circulars, Number 5, relating to water supplied by the Water Department; Number 6, relative to notifications, communications, reports, documents, papers, etc.,to be sent to the Mayor; and Number 7, calling attention to the order passed by the City Council regarding a holiday May 9, to members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, to attend its parade, were received and placed on file.

A petition from Henry A. Clapp and others, requesting that the restriction prohibiting the use of the parkways for teaming purposes be strictly enforced in regard to Charlesgate East, was received and referred to the Chairman.

A request of the Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland for release as surety on the bond of the Owen McAuliffe Company, together with a recommendation of the Architects that the release be given, was received and referred to the Chairman.

A request of the Board of Park Commissioners of Cleveland for information regarding carriage service in the Park System, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

Common Council orders regarding the need of seating accommodations and drinking fountain at M-Street Playground, also hand-ball court at Wood Island Park, were received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A request of John T. Hosford for an appointment for Mr. Clifford Devens and himself to meet the Board to consider matters connected with West Roxbury Parkway, was received and laid over.

A communication from William Oedel, referred to the Board by Professor Sargent, asking that the foot-path on Peters Hill be made accessible from Walter street by a few stone steps near the Cemetery, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

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The Superintendent submitted a report on the suitability of certain parcels of land in Ward 5 for playground purposes, and the cost of acquiring the same, as requested in the order of the Common Council of April 12, and the report and order were referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent submitted a report, in answer to the complaint of James T. Adamson that the damming of the brook had caused a stagnant pool to form in Roslindale Playground, which is a menace to the neighborhood, in which he stated that steps would be taken to mitigate the nuisance by deepening the brook; but that the trouble could only be remedied by filling up the hole, for which the Board has asked the City Council for funds. The matter was referred to the Chairman to notify Mr. Adamson.

A communication was sent to the Mayor in reply to an order of the City Council regarding the use of the Marcella Street Home grounds as a public playground.

Adjourned to May 14th, at 64 Pemberton square.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, MAY 14, 1900.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at 64 Pemberton square, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the meetings of April 30 and May 7 were read and approved.

The Superintendent reported that Mr. Sheldon had made satisfactory arrangements with Mr. Hutchins regarding occupancy of of the new landing at Marine Park, in accordance with the wishes of the Board.

A request of the South Boston Yacht Club for permission to erect an addition to their Club House for locker accommodations, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A request of the Jamaica Plain Carnival Association for the same privileges accorded them last year at Jamaica Pond, on July 4th, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

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A request of Henry W. Münch for permission to connect his soda booth, at Bellevue street, by a platform to the Riverway drive, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

Communications from the Police Department relating to the enforcement of rules, and police protection at Arnold Arboretum, and from C. A. Young, Deputy Superintendent Sanitary Division, Street Department, regarding teams crossing Charlesgate East, were received; copies of the communications being sent, respectively, to Professor Sargent and H. A. Clapp.

A petition requesting that the privilege of conducting a refreshment booth on Castle Island be granted to Mrs. John J. Gallagher, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

The Chairman stated that he had replied to the Order of the Board of Aldermen, requesting a report regarding completion of plans for North Brighton Playground, and "whether any and what further improvements are necessary", by sending the Mayor the Engineer's estimate of the cost of completing the playground.

Mr. Pratt submitted a request of Miss Pope and others, of Dorchester, for leave to practice golf at Dorchester Park, together with a report from the Superintendent, and the matter was referred to the Chairman for reply.

Answers were received from the Corporation Counsel, to the Chairman's letters of May 8, in regard to the power of the Metropolitan Sewerage Commission to put a sewer in or through the Arboretum without the consent of the Board, and as to the amount the Board is required to retain to pay for lands heretofore taken by the Board.

A public hearing on the proposed speedway at Franklin Field was held at 4 P.M., after several days' publication in the Herald, Globe, Transcript, and Dorchester Beacon, of the following advertisement:

"A hearing will be given to the petitioners for the construction of a speedway at Franklin Field, at the office of the Board of Park Commissioners, 64 Pemberton square, Monday, May 14, at 4 P.M.

Charles E. Stratton,
Laban Pratt,
Jas. M. Prendergast,
Board of Park Commissioners
of the City of Boston."

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The following gentlemen were present: C. L. Young, J. M. E. Morrill, S. Walter Wales, Robert S. Fitch, Councilman George Miller, H. P. Gallup, A. S. Gushee, R. K. Clarke, Jacob Mosser, C. H. Belledue, Councilman S. H. Mildram, Henry M. Sanders, William F. Durgin, C. C. Blaney, Councilman George C. Wood, J. A. Bresnehan, J. R. Stewart, Jr., President Sullivan of the Lauriate Avenue Improvement Association, E. G. Richardson, C. H. Belledue, Louis Tewhart, George Dorr, W. J. Fitzgerald, and T. A. Bresnehan.

Councilman S. H. Mildram opened the hearing by stating, that, at the last meeting of the Harvard Improvement Association, they took a vote in favor of the speedway in question; Mr. Sullivan, President of the Lauriate Avenue Association is present, and is also in favor of it.. An order in the City Council called for $25,000 for the construction of this speedway: he thought it could be put through; from canvassing the City Government, they feel that the vote will be unanimous. If the Park Commissioners will come out to the speedway some Thursday or Saturday afternoon, and see the large congregation that watch the races, they will appreciate the want and the desire for this speedway. The ideal location for this speedway is apparent; and if the Commissioners could see the large number of people who enjoy this sport, they would realize that the grown people ought to have a little place in the Park system as well as the children. He further said he understood the Sewer Department expects to complete the sewer this year.

Mr. A. J. Sullivan, President of the Lauriate Avenue Improvement Association, said,- "Our entire Association is in favor of this speedway. It will give great pleasure to horsemen, giving them an opportunity to show the speed of their horses. There is not the slightest opposition to this speedway in our neighborhood."

Mr. J. M. E. Morrill said,-"Mr. Chairman: I do not know that I can say anything to show my position in this matter more clearly than has been said before. Everybody is in favor of it. Mr. Mildram has suggested that I call upon Mr. Wheeler, and he thinks he will grant the money to put in the sewer. If we could get a track sixty feet in width we would be satisfied. From all sections of the City of Boston, from the heart of the City and the suburbs, the stream is growing, rather than diminishing. Would like to have the speedway sixty feet wide ex-

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clusive of the sewer."

Mr. Morrill stated, in answer to the Chairman's inquiry as to whether the curve was not hard for the horses to keep their feet, that there is no difficulty at all; the curve is fair enough for a horse to keep his feet easily, and is very advantageous for spectators also, as they can see the whole of the track, from start to finish.

In answer to the Chairman's query, whether the Metropolitan Park Commission, in fitting up Neponset Meadows, might not provide a speedway as they had done on Charles River, Mr.Morrill said that horses and horsemen have all the advantages needed, supplied by this speedway at Franklin Field: it will be an ideal race course.

In response to calls from the Chairman,at the beginning and close of the hearing, for remonstrants no one answered; and the Commissioners took the matter under advisement. Subsequently it was

VOTED, that a speedway be constructed on Franklin Field where it will not interfere with its use as a playground, provided that a sufficient appropriation be given the Department, by the City Council, for the construction of the speedway.

Adjourned to May 21, at 64 Pemberton square, at 3 P.M.

Geo. F. Kelcey,
Sec'y.

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An adjourned meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at 64 Pemberton square at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the meeting of May 14 were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report with regard to the request of the Jamaica Plain Carnival Association for similar privileges to hold sports at Jamaica Pond, on July 4th, as were accorded their Association last year, recommending that the request be granted for the day sports only. It was thereupon

VOTED, that the Jamaica Plain Carnival Association be given permission to hold such sports at Jamaica Pond, during the day time, July 4th, as the Superintendent of Parks may approve, provided that the Association arranges for a sufficient number of police officers to properly protect the shrub borders from damage.

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VOTED, that the Superintendent remove the fence around the Hamilton statue on Commonwealth avenue; also the bicycle rest near the spring, and the hitching-rail at the Overlook, Franklin Park.

A petition from the West End Street Railway Company, for leave to erect and maintain poles on Brookline avenue, between the Boston line and the Parkway, for the support of the wires for its electric system, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A communication from Messrs Maginnis, Walsh, and Sullivan, accompanying preliminary sketches for an addition to the South Boston Yacht Club Building, with request for the approval of the Board, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A communication from the Police Department relating to the disposition of its wires at Marine Park; and requests from Michael Leahy for permission to maintain a boot-black stand at Charlestown Playground, and from the Boston Ice Company for permission to deliver ice on that part of Columbia Road between Boston and Buttonwood streets, were received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from the Street Department relating to the proposed temporary improvement of Franklin Field ditch, with request for a permit to enter park land to do the necessary work in connection therewith, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

The Chairman submitted a request of the Lancers to leave their horses on the beach at Marine Park, in charge of attendants, while the organization is taking lunch at the Head House, also a report from the Superintendent stating that he saw no objection to the permission being granted. It was thereupon

VOTED, that the National Lancers be permitted to enter Marine Park, in company order, on the morning of June 14; and to leave their horses on the beach in care of one attendant for each horse, for about one hour at noon on said day.

A communication from the Metropolitan Sewerage Commissioners regarding proposed location of sewer through Arnold Arboretum, was received and placed on file.

A communication from Thomas M. Babson, City Solicitor, requesting the approval of the Board to his settlement of the suit of Mary A. Stone, et.al.,fordamages for land taken from

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the estate of Frederick A. Green for the Strandway, was received and it was

VOTED, that the Law Department be authorized to settle the case of Mary A. Stone et al.,for damages for land taken for the Strandway in the name of the Heirs or Devisees of Frederick A. Green, for the sum of four thousand five hundred dollars,without interest.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets regarding location of catch-basin on Audubon Road, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from Thomas J. Hind relative to rebate on granolithic walks on Columbia Road, between Dorchester avenue and Boston street, was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

Mr. Kittredge came before the Board with reference to restrictions on the lot of land on Boylston Entrance, between the Fens and Hemenway street.

VOTED, that the Chairman notify the Civil Service Commissioners that the Board has promoted George W. H. Timson and Joseph P. Howe, messengers in this Department, to the position of clerks, at $1.50 per day, subject to Civil Service rules.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the petition in favor of Mrs. John J. Gallagher for refreshment privileges on Castle Island, stating that he did not see how the petition can be granted, as the concession had already been given to the Gregori family. The report and petition were referred to the Chairman.

Adjourned to May 28,at 64 Pemberton square,at 3 P.M.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, MAY 28, 1900.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at 64 Pemberton square at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Pratt and Prendergast, Mr. Stratton being absent from the City; also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the meeting of May 21 were read and approved.

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A communication from the Superintendent of Streets relative to watering Columbia Road, between Edward Everett square and Blue Hill avenue, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A request of John T. Hosford that an old barn and stable standing on West Roxbury Parkway be removed, and the construction of the roadway continued to Anawan avenue at an early date, was received. The Superintendent stated that the barn would be needed while construction was in progress, and that there were now no funds available for construction. Mr. Hosford's letter was thereupon referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from Samuel H. Mildram acknowledging the favorable action of the Board regarding a speedway on Franklin Field, was received and placed on file.

Communications from the Police Department acknowledging communications from the Board regarding encroachment of cyclists on the bridle path; disposal of privileges on Charlestown Playground, June 17th; and delivery of merchandise at Charlesgate West, were received and placed on file.

The Secretary stated that Councilman Sullivan of Ward 4, Charlestown, asked leave to have a bonfire on Charlestown Playground, on the night of June 17-18, and it was

VOTED, that the request be granted.

A communication from F. P. Sprague and B. R. Weld asking to be notified of a hearing on extension of hours to automobiles in the parks, that they may attend as remonstrants, was received and placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on certain suggestions of James P. McShane for the better conduct of the business at the Franklin Park refectory, and the Superintendent was instructed to notify Mr. McShane that the Board does not think it advisable to grant his requests.

The Superintendent submitted Engineer Putnam's report on the request of the Police Department for leave to place its Marine Park wires underground and under Castle Island bridge, with a recommendation that it be granted, and it was

VOTED, that permission be granted to the Police Board to dig a trench and lay a duct, from the corner of Q and Second streets to Castle Island bridge, also on the Island from the bridge to its signal box, and to place a 1 & 1/2 inch pipe under the bridge.

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The Superintendent submitted a report on the plan of the South Boston Yacht Club for an extension of its building, and it was

VOTED, that the request of the South Boston Yacht Club for leave to extend its building be refused.

The Superintendent submitted Engineer Putnam's report on the request of the West End Street Railway Company for approval of pole locations on the Parkway at Brookline avenue, recommending the relocation of two of the poles, and that all feed wires be placed underground; and the matter was referred to the Chairman to request the Company to modify its plan in accordance with Mr. Putnam's recommendation.

The Superintendent submitted a plan for three additional electric lights on the traffic road of the Arborway, between South and Centre streets, and the matter was referred to the Chairman to request the Boston Electric Light Company to install the underground service necessary for these lamps.

The Superintendent submitted a report from Engineer Putnam recommending a rearrangement of the course of the underground conduit for the electric light wires at Charlesbank, shown on the plan of the Boston Electric Light Company, in order to save unnecessary digging up of the running track. The plan was referred to the Superintendent to order the work done in accordance therewith.

The Superintendent submitted plans from the Street Department for connecting Custer street with the Arborway, and making changes of lines and grades at the junction of Brookline avenue and the Riverway, and recommended the approval of the plans. The matter was laid over pending the receipt of a request from the Superintendent of Streets for authority to make the proposed changes.

On request of D. W. Waldron, it was

VOTED, that the Managers of the Fresh Air Fund be authorized to hold their annual picnics in the Long Crouch Woods, at Franklin Park, as in past years.

The Superintendent reported that he had prepared the following notice and placed it on the golf course at Franklin Park:

"When the course is crowded, inexperienced players who might delay the game will not be permitted to play off. The Green-Keeper will enforce this rule as may seem, in his judgment, best for the fullest use of the course and the safety of the players."

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The Superintendent submitted a report from Engineer Putnam on the progress made in placing electric wires underground. The matter was referred to the Chairman.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the application of Michael Leahy for a bootblack stand at Charlestown Playground, and it was

VOTED, that the application be refused.

A hearing was held at 4 P.M. on the petition of Arthur K. Peck, in regard to the conduct and rules of the game of golf at Franklin Park. A report of the hearing is on file.

Adjourned to June 4, at Pine Bank Office, at 3 P.M.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, JUNE 4, 1900.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the meeting of May 28 were read and approved.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets requesting approval of plan for connecting Custer street with the Arborway, also plan showing changes of grade at the intersection of Brookline avenue and the Riverway, was received and it was

VOTED, that the plans for connecting Custer street with the Arborway, and changing the grades at Brookline avenue and the Riverway, submitted this day by the Superintendent of Streets, be approved.

A communication from the Sewer Division of the Street Department requesting a permit for the building of a catch-basin on the northerly corner of Custer street, at its entrance into the Arboretum, was received and referred to the Secretary.

A request of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company for leave to attach two wires to a tree at the foot of Pond street, for the purpose of providing telephone service for the Park Boat Service Company, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

Communications from the Board of Police in regard to addi-

tional officers at Wood Island Park and other matters, in answer to sundry communications from this Board, were received and placed on file.

A petition from Henry D. Pope and thirty-four others asking that a playground be located within the boundaries of Codman, Adams, Richmond, and Codman streets, Ward 24, was received and placed on file.

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to purchase three horses on Maintenance account.

A communication from Simon J. Donovan offering to pay five cents per yard for 8000 cubic yards of sand dredged from Old Harbor, for use in his contract work, and to deposit 1000 cubic yards on the bathing beach at Marine Park free of cost, also to excavate a channel to the new boat landing at thirty cents per cubic yard, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from John H. Colby in regard to completing the filling of the site of the Puritan Canoe Club, and the purchase of loam for the same, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

The Superintendent stated that Mr. Bassill, who formerly hired the bathing privilege from the Worthington estate, offered to pay $100 for the privilege this year; the matter was, thereupon referred to the Superintendent to report on the question of letting sites for bathing houses at Savin Hill beach.

President Gilbert and Engineer Hosmer of the Boston Electric Light Company came before the Board with reference to placing their wires underground at various points in the park system. The line from Walnut street to Seaver street, and the loop for three additional lights on the Arborway, were, President Gilbert said, extensions of the cable owned by the City, and, as it would be of no advantage to the Company to own these small sections of cable, the extension should be built and owned as a part of the City's system. The temporary overhead wire connecting their underground service on Audubon Road with the Riverway circuit they would put underground immediately, as also the Charlesbank service. The Marine Park service would also be put underground as soon as they could arrange matters with the Police Department in regard to digging the trench. They would have to remove the wires at Wood Island Park running to the bathhouse, if the Board insisted on their being put underground, as it would not pay the Company to do it. The Company,

also, did not see its way clear to put underground the wire connecting their pole line with the underground cable at Wood Is. on account of the difficulties of crossing the railroad location; also the line running to the boat landing at Marine Park, unless it could be made a part of the permanent line for lighting the Strandway.

VOTED, that the Boston Electric Light Company be authorized to make ordinary repairs on the cables belonging to the City on which the guarantee of the Safety Insulated Wire and Cable Company has expired, and report the same to this Board, monthly, with bills for said services.

VOTED, to give notice to all occupants of buildings on Charlestown Playground, that the premises must be vacated not later than August 15.

A communication from James R. Carret referring to the delay in the settlement for the taking of the Worthington land for the Savin Hill Playground, and stating, that, unless the City completes the transaction by June 30, the owners will not be willing to accept the sum agreed upon, was received and referred to the Secretary to confer with Mr. Carret in regard to having the Street Commissioners lay out that part only of Springdale street which was formerly Bath avenue.

A communication from James R. Carret stating the conditions under which Mr. Alexanders Porter will agree to restrict his land on the Fenway and Huntington Entrance, was received and placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a plan for a speedway at Franklin Field, prepared by Engineer Putnam, together with an estimate of the cost of building the same and constructing conduits in the present drainage ditch.

A hearing was given to Mr. L. W. Benjamin in reference to an application which he desired to make to the Board for access from the Parkway to the building on the Robinson estate, near the corner of Pond and Prince streets, which he desired to occupy for refreshment purposes. The Chairman suggested that he make his application in writing, accompanied by such recommendations as he desired to offer.

Adjourned to June 11, at Pine Bank office, at 3 P.M.

Geo. F. Clarke,
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An adjourned meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, and Pratt, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the meeting of June 4 were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication of Randall G. Morris, of the West Roxbury Citizen's Association, in regard to putting the ball ground at Billings Field in good condition for play, stating that he had caused the holes to be filled up, which work will be completed in a few days; and a statement to that effect was sent to Mr. Morris.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of Alderman Day in behalf of the bicyclers who wish to wheel over the walks to the bathhouse at Wood Island Park, stating that he did not deem it desirable or necessary to infringe on the park rules in this respect; and a communication was sent to Alderman Day stating that the Board is unable to grant the request.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the proposition of Simon J. Donovan in regard to dredging sand from the Strandway flats, recommending that he be given this privilege in consideration of his dredging a channel to the new boat landing, and it was

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to arrange with Simon J. Donovan to dredge a channel sixty feet wide and 5'8" deep, at mean low water, from the Boat landing on the Strandway to deep water, and to take 8000 cubic yards of sand from the Strandway flats, in payment therefor, under the direction of the Superintendent.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, for leave to attach two wires to a tree at the foot of Pond street, for telephone service at the boat house, recommending that the request be not granted; and a communication to that effect was sent to the Company.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the offer of Mr. Bassill to pay $100 for the privilege of letting sites for bathhouses on Savil Hill Beach, recommending that Mr. Bassill's offer be accepted for this season, and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to rent the bathing privileges at Savin Hill Beach, at the rate of three dollars for each bathhouse.

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The Superintendent submitted a letter from Miss Maud A. Wessel, asking to be given charge of a class at the Wood Island gymnasium this season, with one week's vacation, and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to employ Miss Wessel for class work at Wood Island gymnasium, under the same arrangements as last summer.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the complaint of Mr. Arthur B. Denny, that an employee of Mr. Sheldon had exacted a charge for landing at the Marine Park public landing, stating that Mr. Sheldon has ordered the money refunded; and a communication to that effect was sent to Mr. Denny.

The Superintendent recommended that the golf links at Franklin Park be closed on all holidays, for the safety of the public, and it was

VOTED, that the Superintendent close the golf links on all holidays.

A request of the West End Street Railway Company for a location on the north traffic road of the Arborway, from Washington street to South street, was received, together with a report from the Superintendent, which were laid over pending a report from the Engineer in regard to a change of location nearer the south line, to give more room on the north side for carriages.

A communication from the Boston Elevated Railway Company regarding pole locations on Brookline avenue was received. The Superintendent submitted a report recommending that elevated railway companies be required to pave the track locations where they cross the parkways, with a good quality of vitrified brick laid on concrete foundation, and it was

VOTED, that the revised plan of the West End Street Railway Company, for pole locations on Brookline avenue, be approved; and that the Chairman request said Company to pave its track location, where it crosses the parkway, drive A, with vitrified brick, as recommended by the Superintendent.

A communication from Mayor Hart relative to the reinstatement of William R. Jeffery, was received and a communication was sent to the Mayor in answer thereto.

A communication from B. T. Wheeler, Superintendent of Streets, regarding the watering of Columbia Road, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from the Metropolitan Sewerage Commissioners, in reply to the Chairman's letter regarding the construction of

the high level sewer near Jamaica Pond, was received and placed on file.

Communications from the Police Board in regard to stationing an officer at Dorchester Park, and in reply to a letter from this Board requesting the removal of wires over the parkway at Forest Hills, were received and placed on file.

A communication from Thomas Downey requesting that a temporary overhead wire be strung to a pole in front of his house on the Arborway, was received and laid over.

A communication from the Western Union Telegraph Company, relative to removal of overhead wires at Forest Hills, was received and referred to the Superintendent and Secretary for report.

A communication from Fire Commissioner Russell, relating to the removal of overhead wires at Forest Hills bridge, was received and placed on file.

A communication from James R. Carret stating that his clients, the Heirs of William Worthington, will be satisfied with the laying out of that part of Springdale street which formerly formed a part of Bath avenue, was received and referred to the Chairman to confer with the Street Commissioners.

A communication from the South Boston Yacht Club relative to a conference with the Board, was received and a reply was sent to the Club stating that the Board will grant a hearing to the Trustees of the Club on June 19, at 3.30 P.M.

A communication was also sent to Frank E. Granger, Secretary of the Columbia Yacht Club, stating that the Board will hear the Committee of the Club, on Tuesday, June 19, at 3 P.M.

A communication from Roger F. Sturgis forwarding a petition to amend the motor vehicle regulations, was received and a hearing was appointed for Monday, June 25, at 3.30 P.M.

A petition from South Boston citizens protesting against the lease to W. E. Sheldon of the privileges at the new public landing at Marine Park, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A communication from the Massachusetts Bicycle Club and the Wheelmen's Rights and Privileges Association requesting that the park rules relative to cycles be strictly enforced, was received and referred to the Chairman.

Communications from John B. Martin in regard to extending the Marine Park driveway to Castle Island, and from T.Dennie

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Boardman in regard to the purchase of the triangle at the junction of Beacon street and Bay State Road, for park purposes, were received and placed on file.

The Chairman submitted some letters he had received in recommendation of Mr. L. W. Benjamin, who made application at the last meeting for access from the Parkway to a proposed refreshment stand to be located on the Robinson estate; and the Secretary was directed to notify him that the Board has considered his application, but cannot grant him any privileges in the Park System, as they do not consider it would be for the public advantage.

The applications of Patrick H. Holland for leave to erect a stand for the sale of refreshments at the corner of Sixth and Q streets, on the Strandway; and of John J. Abbott, asking for reinstatement in the service of the Department, were referred to the Superintendent.

Messrs E. W. Clark, S. D. Balkam, and Rev. C. L. Morgan, of the Jamaica Plain Carnival Association, came before the Board and requested that the Association be permitted to give their fireworks display on a float anchored in the cove on the south shore of the Pond at Jamaica Park; also that they be allowed to display flags and other decorations at the boat-landing during the sports in the forenoon of July 4th, and it was

VOTED, that the Superintendent permit the Jamaica Plain Carnival Association to give a display of fireworks at Jamaica Pond, on July 4th, in such location, and with such guarantees for the protection of the trees and shrubs as he may prescribe; also to display flags and decorations at the boat-landing during the sports in the forenoon.

VOTED, that Frank R. Cauley, of 4 Mystic street, Charlestown, be authorized to operate a merry-go-round on Charlestown Playground, from June 12 to June 18, inclusive, under the direction of the police.

A communication from the Jamaica Plain Business Men's Association in favor of the petition of the Boston Elevated Railway Company for a location for its tracks in the north traffic road of the Arborway, was received and placed on file.

Adjourned to June 19, at 3 P.M., at 64 Pemberton square.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, JUNE 19, 1900.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at 64 Pemberton square at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the meeting of June 11 were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a letter he had received from Mr. Sheldon, complaining that Mr. Hutchins was not keeping to his agreement in regard to taking tenders and row boats on storage at his landing. The matter was referred to the Superintendent to require Mr. Hutchins to live up to his agreement.

A report was submitted by the Superintendent of his interview with Mr.F. J. Bassill regarding the bathing beach privilege at Savin Hill, at which interview Mr. Bassill stated his inability to pay three dollars for each bathhouse, but offered to pay two dollars, which the Superintendent recommended be accepted, and it was

VOTED, that the privilege of keeping boat and bath houses for hire on Savin Hill Beach, and letting sites for the same, be granted, for this season, to F. J. Bassill, on the payment by him of $2.00 for each house.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the cost of connecting the new landing at Marine Park with the electric light service, by underground or overhead wires, and recommended the former, at a cost of $150, and it was

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to arrange with the Boston Electric Light Company to lay underground wires to the boat landing at Marine Park, at an expense of $150, as recommended by him.

The Superintendent reported that the pay of teamsters is not proportionate to that of laborers since the institution of the eight-hour day law, and recommended that the pay be increased from $55.00 to $58.00 per month. The matter was laid over.

The Superintendent submitted a recommendation that the tracks on the traffic road of the Arborway, between South and Washington streets, be laid at least ten feet from the northerly side of the driveway, and that the whole driveway be paved with the best quality of vitrified paving brick, laid on a bed of cement concrete. In order to fulfil these requirements new plans would have to be submitted by the Company, which should also show the location of the poles; and the matter was laid over.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the petition of

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William F. Kirby and others, that the rates for keeping boats at the public landing, at Marine Park, be reduced to five dollars or less, stating that Mr. Sheldon, while not willing to change his rates for the present service, was willing to maintain a float, without locker room, for five dollars per annum ; and the report was referred to the Chairman to reply to the petitioners.

The Superintendent reported that the old buggy used by him is both cumbersome and delapidated, and recommended that he be allowed to procure a new one, and it was

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to purchase a new buggy for use in the service of the Department.

A report was received from the Superintendent on the request of Edward W. Presho, that permission be given to Patrick H. Holland to erect a stand for the sale of refreshments at the corner of Sixth and Q streets, and it was VOTED, not to grant the request.

A communication from Edmund Billings, Superintendent of the Wells Memorial Institute, requesting, that, in the event of the construction of the speedway, a new location at Franklin Field be allotted for their building, was received and placed on file.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets stating that he should not continue watering Columbia Road, was received and referred to the Chairman.

A communication from Mayor Hart enclosing a letter from Mrs. Whitcomb, regarding the case of John Gormley, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

An order of the Board of Aldermen requesting the immediate removal of the sheep-fold from Franklin Field, also City Council order requesting that the bicycle track at M-Street Playground be put in condition for use, were received and referred to the Superintendent.

A request of the Board of Bath Trustees that the control of North End Beach be transferred to the Bath Department for the season beginning June 15 and ending October 1, under the same conditions as heretofore, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

Communications from the Board of Police regarding the playing of hand-ball and other games at Prince Street Playground; also regarding the enforcement of bicycle rules, were received and placed on file.

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A request of Alfred Bowditch, on behalf of the Managers of the Farm School, that they be allowed to have their express and other matter delivered at the wharf at Marine Park, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A request of the South Boston Yachting Carnival Association that they be permitted to rope off the beach in the vicinity of the yacht club houses, on the Strandway, and to erect bandstands during the week of the carnival, July 2 to 7, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A communication from Elbridge K. Newhall offering land on Harbor View street, for playground purposes, was received and placed on file.

A communication from Henry W. Putnam objecting, on behalf of William A. Tappan, to any permits being granted for the removal of refuse, by way of Audubon Road, from any building that may be erected on land now owned by the Aspinwall Land Trust, the Aspinwall Land Company, or William S. Bryant, on said Audubon Road, was received and placed on file.

A communication from I. O. Wright, Division Superintendent New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, stating that he had given instructions that the poles and wires across the Arborway be moved forthwith, was received and placed on file.

A communication from Arthur K. Peck relative to laying out an additional golf course, at Franklin Park, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A complaint of Ray R. Perry against the green-keeper at Franklin Park golf links, regarding censure for playing off too soon, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A complaint of H. H. Sawyer regarding the enforcement of the rules at the golf links, with a report thereon from the green-keeper, was referred to the Chairman.

A communication from the West End Street Railway Company accepting vote of the Board approving revised plan for pole locations on Brookline avenue, was received and placed on file.

VOTED, that the West End Street Railway Company be authorized to erect poles on the parkway adjoining Brookline avenue, for carrying its wires for its electric system, as shown on a plan of A.J.Plimpton, Engineer, dated May 12, 1900, on condition that the work be made satisfactory to the Superintendent of Parks, and that the poles be removed at any time upon notice from this Board.

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Commodore Powers and Mr. F. E. Granger, a committee of the Columbia Yacht Club, came before the Board and submitted a request for the allotment to the Club of fifty feet of the vacant lot between their house and the South Boston Yacht Club house, to provide room for a future enlargement of their club house, which already proved to be too small. They also asked if their lease could not be extended for a term similar to that given to the Boston and South Boston Yacht Clubs. The Chairman explained that the longer terms of the latter clubs were due to their having suits for damages, which were settled in consideration of the leases; and asked the Committee to put its request, for the enlargement of its site, in writing.

A committee of the Trustees of the South Boston Yacht Club, consisting of Almon Wright, W. H. Godfrey, and J. T. Hurley, came before the Board with reference to the petition of the Club for leave to enlarge its club-house. Mr. Hurley stated that the Club has something over three hundred members, that there are 103 lockers, and a waiting list of twenty or more applicants for lockers. The Committee asked that the Club be allotted fifty feet of the vacant land between the South Boston and Columbia Yacht Club houses, to make room for the needed extension of their house. Mr. Matthew Sullivan, who was present as representing the architects of the building, explained the requirements for additional room which they endeavored to provide for in their former plans, which did not meet the approval of the Board. The Chairman asked the Committee to put their request in writing.

Mr. Bradley, Superintendent of the Boston Farm School, who was present, stated that the channel to the boat landing, which was now about to be excavated, should be made straight and in range with the wharf and barn on the Farm School, and the big chimney on the electric light works in line with the boat landing. This would enable the boats to more readily keep the channel, and, by shifting the outer edge of the channel out about 300 feet, would relieve the difficulties of a lee shore and tend to keep the channel scoured. The matter was taken under consideration; and the Superintendent was requested to look into the question of dredging the new channel from the Public Landing, in a more direct line, to deep water, than that now laid out.

Adjourned to June 25, at 3 P.M., at 64 Pemberton square.

Geo. F. Clarke, Sec'y.

BOSTON JUNE 22, 1900.

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 11 A.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast.

VOTED, that the Chairman be authorized to employ an expert upon the question of the effect upon Jamaica Pond of the proposed Metropolitan sewer.

VOTED, that the Chairman draw up a form of vote, to be submitted to the Board, authorizing the West End Street Railway Company to lay tracks on the north traffic road of the Arborway, at Forest Hills bridge.

Mr. Charles D. M. Cole, special agent American Telephone and Telegraph Company, and Mr. Durgin, the local superintendent, came before the Board with reference to maintaining their poles and overhead wires, at the crossing of Washington street and the Arborway, at Forest Hills. The Commissioners referred them to the Superintendent and Engineer.

Mr. John J. Costello came before the Board in regard to damages for the taking of his land for the Ashmont Playground. The matter was referred to Mr. Pratt to confer with the Law Department.

Geo. F. Clarke.
Sec'y.

BOSTON, JUNE 25, 1900.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at 64 Pemberton square, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast, also Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the meeting of June 19 were read and approved.

The following bids for furnishing uniform suits were received and referred to the Superintendent to accept the lowest bid, if the material of which the suits are to be made is satisfactory to him.

Spitz Bros. & Mork,	Coat & pants	$1.87 1/2	shirts	40 ¢ each,
Leopold Morse & Co.	" "	2.00	"	50 " "
Oak Hall Clothing Co.	" "	2.00		
A. Shuman & Co.	" "	4.25(sample 1)		56 1/2 "
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The Superintendent submitted a report on the request of the Bath Trustees for a transfer of North End Beach for the summer season, recommending that the proposed transfer include the winter season also, and the matter was laid over.

The Superintendent submitted a report in regard to the sheep-fold at Franklin Field; and a communication was sent to the Mayor in reply to the order of the Board of Aldermen requesting the removal of the flock of sheep from Franklin Field.

The Superintendent submitted a report from Engineer Putnam in regard to the wires of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company across the Arborway at Forest Hills, stating that they were long distance wires, and recommending, that, on account of the electrical difficulties, these wires be permitted to remain overhead for the present.

VOTED, that the vote of this Board of January 8,1900, to award and pay Stanley W. Richardson and others, twenty-six Thousand, five hundred and fourteen and 15/100 dollars, for land taken for the Savin Hill Playground, be rescinded.

VOTED, that whereas by an act of this Board passed September 18, 1899, a parcel of marsh land, beach, and flats, containing 809,200 square feet, more or less, on Springdale street in that part of Boston which was formerly Dorchester, supposed to belong to the Heirs or Devisees of William Worthington, was taken for a playground as appears by said act, there be awarded and paid to Stanley W. Richardson, Martha L. Richardson,and Rachel H. Roberts the sum of twenty-six thousand five hundred and fourteen and 15/100 dollars, upon their proving title thereto and giving a deed or release for the same, also an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs, and expenses in consequence of said taking satisfactory to the City Solicitor,subject to an unpaid assessment for sewer in Springdale street, and containing a clause that any and all assessments which may be levied upon their remaining land, easterly of said Springdale street, whether for betterments on account of the laying out of said Springdale street or for the construction thereof, shall be assumed and paid by the City of Boston as a part of the consideration for the settlement of said damages, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Playgrounds.

A hearing was given at 3.30 P.M. to persons interested in

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the petition of T. Jefferson Coolidge, Jr. and others, that the public parks be open at all hours to persons holding permits from the Department to run or operate motor vehicles therein. Additional petitions in favor were submitted by Mr. F. E. Sturgis, together with several communications in favor of the petition.

Dr. Francis P. Sprague submitted petitions signed by himself and others remonstrating against the granting of the prayer of the petitioners, and several letters to the same effect were received. A stenographic report of the hearing was taken; but has not been written out. A newspaper report of the hearing is on file.

Adjourned to June 26, at 11 A.M. at the Chairman's office.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, JUNE 26, 1900.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 11 A.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast, also Superintendent Pettigrew.

The Superintendent submitted a report from Mr. Putnam in regard to the ownership of overhead wires crossing Commonwealth avenue and Charlestown Playground, and the Secretary was directed to notify said owners to remove all such wires.

The Superintendent submitted a request from John W. Bowler for a vacation to attend the athletic and gymnastic contests at Paris, next month, together with a report thereon, and it was VOTED, not to grant the request.

The Superintendent submitted a report of his interview with Mr. Donovan in regard to dredging the channel at Marine Park, in return for sand taken by him for the Strandway, recommending that Mr. Donovan be given the privilege of further dredging outside the original lines of the Strandway in return for depositing 800 yards of sand on the bathing beach at the Head House. The Superintendent also reported against a change in the location of the channel at the new landing, and recommended

that it be made as much wider as can be arranged with Mr. Donovan without cost. The Superintendent was, thereupon, authorized to amend the agreement he was previously authorized to make with Mr. Donovan to allow him to do additional dredging outside the Strandway, provided he will deposit 800 yards of sand on the bathing beach; also to arrange with Mr. Donovan to make the channel at the boat landing as much wider up to 100 feet as can be arranged on the same basis as the original agreement.

The Superintendent submitted a report in regard to the suggestion of Mr. Arthur K. Peck for a new additional golf course at Franklin Park, stating that it would seem unwise to give up any more open ground for the extension of the game, and the matter was referred to the Chairman to reply to Mr. Peck.

The Superintendent submitted a report in regard to the request of the Board of Aldermen that bicyclers be allowed to ride from the bridge to the bicycle track at Wood Island Park; and the matter was referred to the Chairman to reply to the order of the Board of Aldermen, through the Mayor.

A request of the South Boston Yachting Carnival Association that visiting yachtsmen be allowed the free use of the public landing at Marine Park, during Carnival Week, was received and the Superintendent was directed to notify the Carnival Association that the Board has granted its request for the free use of the landing; and to arrange with Mr. Sheldon to provide for the convenience of visiting yachtsmen.

The Superintendent submitted a report in regard to the City Council order requesting that the North End Playground be paved with asphalt, recommending the adoption of a permanent pavement, preferably of cement concrete or brick, if the necessary appropriation can be obtained; and the matter was referred to the Chairman to report thereon to the Mayor.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the application of the Boston Asylum and Farm School for permission to haul material across the intervening space between the driveway and the landing at Marine Park. The request was refused.

A communication from the N.E.Telephone and Telegraph Company relating to removal of wires crossing the Arborway, was received and placed on file.

VOTED, that the votes of this Board of April 23, 1894 and December 24, 1894, assigning a lot on the Strandway to the Commonwealth Yacht Club be rescinded.

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VOTED, that the half of the lot on the Strandway formerly designated for the occupancy of the Commonwealth Yacht Club, immediately adjoining the land now occupied by the South Boston Yacht Club, be leased to said South Boston Yacht Club, and that the Secretary draw up a form of lease which shall contain the same provisions as its present lease, and expire at the same time as said present lease.

Adjourned to July 2, at 3 P.M. at the Chairman's office.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, JULY 2, 1900.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast; also present Assistant Engineer Putnam. The records of the meetings of June 22, 25, and 26 were read and approved.

A report was received from the Superintendent in regard to the order of the Common Council of June 14, requesting that the sand courts at Charlestown Heights be put in proper condition; and the report and order were referred to the Chairman.

A communication was received from the Superintendent in regard to the opening of a restaurant in the house of the Sergeant at Castle Island, which is a detriment to the concession granted by the Board to Mr. Gregori; and the matter was referred to the Chairman to confer with Col. Suter of the U.S. Engineer Corps, with a view to securing the discontinuance of the restaurant.

At the request of the Mayor permission was granted to Masten & Wells to display fireworks at Franklin Field, Wood Island Park, Christopher Gibson Playground, and from a float at North End Beach, on the evening of July 4th.

VOTED, that the South Boston Carnival Association be granted permission to erect a bandstand and give concerts, on the Strandway, during Carnival week, July 2 to 7.

A communication from John F. Dever, Clerk of Committees, requesting that the Board of Park Commissioners or the Chairman

appear before the Committee on Finance, July 2, at 7.30 P.M., in relation to the proposed loan of $50,000 for park construction, was received and a reply was sent to the Clerk of Committees.

Executive Circular, Number 8, conveying request of City Council that absence be granted to members of the M.V.M. to participate in the Annual Muster, was received and placed on file.

The Board concurred in the abandonment June 22, 1900 to Jennie L. Huebner of a certain parcel of land shown on a plan marked "Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Metropolitan Park Commission, Neponset River Reservation, Plan of land in Boston, Mass., to be abandoned to Jennie L. Huebner June 8, 1900, Wm. L. Pierce, Engineer", being Metropolitan Park Commissioners' plan No. 244, said land having been taken by said Commonwealth under date of April 12, 1899.

A communication from the Street Department accompanying a plan for turning the parcel of land at the junction of Freeport street and Neponset avenue into the public street, was received and it was

VOTED, that the Board approves the plan for making Freeport street triangle a part of the junction of Freeport street and Neponset avenue, in accordance with the plan submitted this day by the Superintendent of Streets.

A communication from the Superintendent of Public Buildings relative to alterations in the telephone system at Department Headquarters, Pine Bank, was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

A communication from William P. Prendergast regarding the time for vacating the premises occupied by him on Main street, Charlestown, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

Protests from Frank E. Paige and L. M. Crane against allowing automobiles in the public parks were received and placed on file.

An acceptance by the West End Street Railway Company of the vote of the Board authorizing poles in the parkway adjoining Brookline avenue, was received and placed on file.

A communication from L. H. Dutton, Master of the Hancock School, to Superintendent Pettigrew, favoring an asphalt pavement for North End Playground, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

The request of the teamsters in the employ of the Depart-

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ment for additional pay, referred to the Board in the Superintendent's report of June 19, was refused.

The Secretary was directed to notify the Bath Department that the Board would prefer to transfer the care and control of North End Beach to the Bath Department for the entire year, or to June 15, 1901.

A request of Marshall Wentworth, through the office of Henry W. Savage, for leave to construct a granolithic sidewalk in front of the block of houses numbered 456 to 468 Audubon Road, and to be allowed the usual rebate of six cents per square foot, was received and the Secretary was directed to notify Mr. Savage that the Board will grant a permit to do the work, but cannot allow a rebate.

Mr. Dexter Brackett, Engineer of the Metropolitan Water Works, came before the Board with a plan for a proposed 48 inch main from the new pumping station to the existing mains near the effluent gate house. Mr. Brackett said they desired to follow the lines of the present mains through the edge of the green rather than make an excavation in Beacon street, which would require a crossing of the mains which they desired to avoid. Later the Metropolitan Water Board might make a taking of the strip under which the pipes would lay. The Board VOTED, to approve the plan for the laying of the main, and issue a permit for the work accordingly.

A communication from the Commissioner of Wires recommending that before payments are made for electrical construction work, a certificate of approval from his department should be in the possession of the Contractor, was received and placed on file.

Adjourned to July 9, at 3 P.M., at Pine Bank office.

Geo. F. Clarke.
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BOSTON, JULY 9, 1900.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, and Pratt, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the meeting of July 2 were read and approved.

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Communications from the Superintendent of Streets giving notice of the construction of Columbia Road Parkway between Blue Hill avenue and Edward Everett square, also relative to watering the same were received.

Mr. Pratt stated that, on July 3, he attended a conference with the Mayor, Corporation Counsel, and Superintendent of Streets, at the Mayor's office, in regard to the maintenance of Columbia Road, at which Mr. Bailey stated that the Park Department should take charge of the constructed portions of the Columbia Road Parkway when officially notified by the Superintendent of Streets of their construction; and the Mayor promised to get an appropriation to enable the Board to care for them. A report was received from Mr. Putnam of the condition in which he found the parkway on July 7; and the matter was referred to the Chairman to correspond further with the Superintendent of Streets in regard to this Department taking charge of the maintenance of the Road.

An order of the Common Council requesting the erection, by this Department, of bathhouses at Savin Hill Beach, to be under the control of the Bath Department, was received together with a report from the Superintendent; and the matter was referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from J. O. Wright, Division Superintendent New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, relative to telephone service at Pine Bank office, was received and placed on file.

A communication from the Clerk of Committees requesting that the Board appear before the Committee on Finance, on Tuesday evening, July 10, at 8 o'clock, in relation to the proposed loan of $50,000 for park construction, was received and referred to the Chairman.

A request of the Columbia Yacht Club for the addition to its present site on the Strandway, by lease, of one-half of the vacant lot adjoining its present location easterly, for the purpose of enlarging its club house, was received and it was

VOTED, that the half of the lot on the Strandway formerly designated for the occupancy of the Commonwealth Yacht Club, immediately adjoining the land now occupied by the Columbia Yacht Club, be leased to said Columbia Yacht Club; and that the Secretary draw up a form of lease which shall contain the same provisions as its present lease, and expire at the same time as said present lease.

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A communication from the Board of Police, relative to Mr. Gregori's application for a victualler's license on Castle Island, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A request of F. C. Lord that the Board join in the construction of a sewer in Lagrange street, opposite Billings Field, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

Requests for leave to lay granolithic walks on Audubon Road, and Arborway at the corner of Pond street, were received and referred to the Superintendent.

Communications from Frederick M. Briggs regarding the rule relating to dogs in the Fens, also from Almon E. Whittemore protesting against being obliged to remove his moorings at Marine Park, were received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

Mr. Joseph J. Wall came before the Board, for the owners of the land formerly belonging to the Massachusetts School for Feeble-Minded Youth, and asked the Board to consent to the change from one hundred feet to seventy feet in the deed of the land taken for the Strandway, so that the restrictions will apply only to the lots fronting on Columbia Road and not to the lots on the side streets. The Board took the matter under advisement, and, subsequently, agreed to the change.

A communication from the Bath Trustees asking that North End Beach be leased to them for the season beginning June 15, 1900, and ending June 15, 1901, was received and it was

VOTED, that the care and control of the bathhouses and piers at North End Beach, including the beach and grounds northerly of Commercial street, be transferred to the Bath Trustees, at their request, from June 15, 1900 to June 15, 1901, upon the following terms, namely:

1. The said baths and piers, beach and grounds, shall be open to this Board at all times, and the right is reserved to the Boston Parks Boat Service Company to maintain a boat landing at the end of the westerly pier of the North End Beach under the conditions of its agreement with this Board, including the privilege of furnishing light refreshments at said landing.

2. The Bath Department shall keep said premises clean and well lighted, heated, watched, and guarded during said term, and shall employ such attendants as may be necessary for the purpose.

3. This Board reserves the right to revoke the authority hereby given at any time in its discretion, and with the approval

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of the Mayor.

Adjourned to July 17th.

Geo. F. Clarke, Sec'y.

BOSTON, JULY 17, 1900.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Mr. Pratt's office, 35 Congress street, at 11 A.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the meeting of July 9 were read and approved.

A communication from the Assistant Clerk of Committees transmitting a vote of the Committee on Finance requesting the Board to furnish the Committee with a detailed statement of the money required for completing the parks and playgrounds, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

The Superintendent submitted a report calling attention to the foul condition of the waterway of the Fens from the sewerage thrown into it from Stony Brook, which he stated is a great detriment to property interests, if not a serious menace to health. The report was referred to the Chairman to call the matter to the attention of the Mayor.

An order of the City Council requesting the Board to set apart the larger lot of land at Tremont Entrance of the Fens as a playground; also order of the Board of Aldermen requesting that a playground for children be laid out at Leverett Park, were received and referred to the Superintendent.

An order of the Board of Aldermen requesting the Board to confer with the West End Street Railway Company to see if it can be arranged to run the street cars to the entrance of Wood Island Park, was received and laid over.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets in answer to Engineer Putnam's report of the incompleted condition of Columbia Road, was received and referred to the Superintendent to furnish a plan for tree planting on Columbia Road.

A communication from William H. Lott, Commissioner of Wires, giving notice of his intention to remove the poles and wires on Columbia Road, was received and placed on file.

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Communications from the Board of Police referring to the complaint of F.M.Briggs that he was stopped in the Fens with his dog contrary to the rules; also regarding the exclusion of disorderly persons who congregate in the vicinity of the refectory at Franklin Park, were received and placed on file.

A communication from F. S. Curtis, Fourth Vice President of the N.Y.N.H.& H.R.R.Company, stating that the Company was taking measures for the removal of poles and wires over the Parkway at Forest Hills bridge, was received and placed on file.

Communications from Messrs Dunbar & Rachemann, of July 11 and 13, in regard to the proposed settlement of the question between the City of Boston and the President and Fellows of Harvard College, arising out of the taking by the City of land at Forest Hills for playground purposes, were received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

Adjourned to July 23rd.

Geo. F. Clarke,
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BOSTON, JULY 23, 1900.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 2 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast; also Superintendent Pettigrew and Engineer Putnam. The records of the meeting of July 17 were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the planting of Columbia Road, recommending that an arrangement be made with the Superintendent of Streets whereby this Department could plant the trees from stock in the park nurseries purchased for the purpose under an arrangement with Superintendent Wells. A communication was also received from Superintendent Wheeler asking that this Department make provision for watering the Road, and the matter was referred to the Chairman to arrange with the Superintendent of Streets regarding these matters.

The Superintendent submitted reports on the orders of the City Council and Board of Aldermen requesting that playgrounds be provided at Tremont Entrance to the Fens and at Leverett Park, and the reports and orders were referred to the Chairman for reply.

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The Superintendent called attention to a complaint he had received from Mr. Williams Scollins, of the foul condition of the pond in Rogers Park.

A notice from the Harbor and Land Commissioners of a hearing on an application from Nathan F. Tufts and others for a license to fill flats in Mystic river adjoining Charlestown Playground, was received and referred to the Secretary.

A communication from C. S. Judkins, stating that the title from the Trustees of the Massachusetts School for Feeble-Minded Youth was executed and ready for delivery, was received and it was

VOTED, that whereas by an act of this Board passed April April 30, 1890, a public park was located and laid out in the City of Boston by taking in fee certain parcels of land belonging to several persons and parties whereof a certain parcel of land was supposed to belong to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as appears by said act, there be awarded and paid to the Trustees of the Massachusetts School for Feeble-Minded Youth, the sum of eight hundred eighty-two and 35/100 dollars, upon their proving title thereto and giving a deed for the same including all the covenants, agreements, restrictions, and conditions contained in the printed form of public park deed for the Parkway, South Boston, excepting the clause relative to betterments and that the distance from the park line to which the restrictions shall apply may read seventy feet instead of one hundred feet, also an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs, and expenses in consequence of said taking satisfactory to the City Solicitor, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Public Parks.

Communications from the Board of Police stating that they would abate the disorder complained of at Savin Hill Beach, and from Alderman Gerry stating that the Superintendent of Streets informs him that he can do nothing about the Goldsmith brook matter at the present time, were received and placed on file.

VOTED, that permission be and it is hereby granted to the West End Street Railway Company to construct, maintain, and use a double track upon the surface of the north traffic road of the Arborway, between South and Washington streets, with suitable curves, cross-overs, and connections connecting with the

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existing tracks of said Company at either end, also to erect poles in said traffic road and said Arborway all substantially as shown on plans by A.L.Plimpton, dated July 9, 1900, and filed with its petition for this permit. Also to establish and maintain the overhead single trolley electric system of motive power in the operation of its cars on said tracks, and to erect, lay, maintain, and use the poles, wires, appliances, and electrical appliances and apparatus, and to make the underground and surface alterations of said traffic road necessary for said purpose. PROVIDED: should said Company at any time lay tracks upon South street across the Parkway, this permit and all privileges thereunder shall at once cease and determine.

Said Company shall pave the track locations and eighteen inches outside of same with the best quality of vitrified brick laid on a concrete foundation, and keep the same in good condition, satisfactory to the Park Commissioners; shall place all feed wires under the surface of the ground; shall not suffer or permit any person to place or keep wires on said poles or upon the fixtures thereto affixed without permission being first obtained in writing from this Board; shall not remove the tracks or poles located under this permit until, and shall remove them and restore the surface of the ground to a condition satisfactory to this Board when directed by this Board so to do; and that in continued violation of any of the foregoing requirements, after notice, said Board may remove said tracks or poles at the expense of said Company.

All work done under this permit shall be done to the satisfaction of the Board of Park Commissioners. No work shall be done under this permit until said Company shall furnish a bond for ten thousand dollars with surety, in form satisfactory to the Corporation Counsel, conditioned to save the City harmless from any loss, cost, or damage in any way arising from the privileges granted by this permit and any work to be done thereunder, and to fulfil its obligations under the provisions of this permit.

VOTED, that Herbert L. Ogden be allowed one week's extra vacation on account of his wedding trip.

The Secretary was authorized to have copies made of park deeds and other instruments relating thereto filed in the Registry of Deeds.

Adjourned to July 30th.

Geo. F. Clarke.
Sec'y.

BOSTON, JULY 30, 1900.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast; also Superintendent Pettigrew and assistant Engineer Putnam. The records of the meeting of July 23 were read and approved.

VOTED, that the Superintendent prepare plans and specifications for the construction of a covered drain from the Arboretum to Woodman street.

A communication from Clifford Devens and Hosford & Williams urging the completion of the West Roxbury Parkway, between Anawan avenue and Washington street, was received and referred to the Superintendent for an estimate of the expense of completing the roadway on this section of the Parkway.

A communication from John Woodbury, Secretary, notifying the Board that the Metropolitan Park Commission had rescinded its vote of July 22, to abandon certain lands in the Neponset River Reservation to Jennie L. Huebner, and that the deed of abandonment, therefore, will not be recorded and becomes void, was received and placed on file.

A communication from the City Solicitor enclosing a proposition from William H. Woods for the purchase of old buildings and building material, at Chestnut Hill Park, was received and placed on file.

A communication from the Board of Police, stating that they would attend to the matter of additional police protection at Charlestown Playground, was received and placed on file.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets enclosing an agreement covering the watering of the parkway in Columbia Road, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from Simon J. Donovan agreeing to excavate a channel at the boat landing at Marine Park, in return for sand to be excavated by him on the Strandway, for use in his contract with the City of Boston, was received and placed on file.

An application from James A. Doyle for renting the dwelling house on the White estate at Chestnut Hill, also communication from City Solicitor Babson enclosing a letter from William H. Woods offering five hundred dollars for the buildings and building materials on said land, were received and referred to the Secretary to confer with Mr. Babson as to whether he would prefer the buildings to be rented rather than sold, pending a set-

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tlement of the suit.

Adjourned to August 13th.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, JULY 31, 1900.

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the office of Mr. Pratt, 35 Congress street, at 12 M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast.

IT IS VOTED, that, until further instructions by the Board, no trees be cut in the parks without the approval of Professor Charles S. Sargent.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, AUGUST 12, 1900.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 2.30 P. M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, Mr. Prendergast being absent from the City. Also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the meeting of July 30 were read and approved.

The Superintendent reported on the order of the Common Council, requesting the removal of the pile of dirt from the ball field at Charlestown Playground, that this work is included in his recommendation for the expenditure of the $25,000 appropriated for playgrounds.

The Superintendent submitted estimates for park and playground construction, with reference to the expenditure of the special appropriations for these purposes; and a recommendation that twenty-five men be employed in addition to the present force. The Superintendent's recommendation was approved, and he was authorized to begin work on the Columbus avenue and Roslindale playgrounds.

The Superintendent submitted plans and specifications for

the construction of a conduit to carry Goldsmith Brook from the Arboretum to Woodman street, through the land previously taken by the Board for this purpose, together with an estimate of the cost; also a plan for laying the electric light wires underground at Charlestown Heights, with an estimate of the cost. Both matters were laid over, and the Superintendent was directed to submit the Goldsmith Brook plan to the inspection of Prof. Sargent.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the request received some time ago from the Street Department for authority to construct and deepen the temporary drainage ditch in Franklin Field, and the matter was referred to the Chairman to reply to the Superintendent of Streets.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the petition of Roland G. Whittet and others that a backstop be erected along the ditch at Franklin Field, recommending that a tennis ground be laid out there at an expense for backstops of $246. The Superintendent's recommendation was adopted.

On the Superintendent's recommendation it was

VOTED, that Timothy Devine be allowed half pay for nine days' lost time, occasioned by an injury received while in the discharge of his duty.

The Superintendent reported the explosion of a carbonic acid gas retort at the Head House, causing little damage.

Executive circulars, Nos. 9 & 10, relative to leave of absence of employees during the Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, and Annual Muster of the Firemen's Organization, were received and placed on file.

An order of the City Council requesting the Water Commissioner to erect a water fountain upon or near M-Street Playground, was received and placed on file.

A communication from the Boston Elevated Railway Company, Attorney for the West End Street Railway Company, accepting the vote of the Board granting a location for electric cars on the north traffic road of the Arborway, and furnishing a bond in accordance therewith, was received and placed on file.

Communications from R. H. Bolles, Kenny & Clark, and the Mutual District Messenger Company regarding the removal of overhead wires on Commonwealth avenue, were received and severally referred to the Chairman and Secretary for reply.

A communication from Clarence H. Hayes requesting the erec-

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tion of watering troughs on the parkway, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A communication from Thomas J. Hind, asking if a rebate would be allowed on granolithic walks on the Fenway, was received and placed on file; and a reply in the negative was directed to be made by the Secretary.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets in regard to planting trees on Columbia Road, together with a report from Mr. Pettigrew on the matter, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

VOTED, that permission be given the Election Commissioners to erect a voting booth on Charlestown Playground, on the same conditions as last year.

Adjourned to September 7.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, AUGUST 22, 1900

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 11 A.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, Mr. Prendergast being absent from the city.

VOTED, that Charles G. Lawrence be appointed secretary pro tem. during the absence of the Secretary.

The petitions of Mr. Sheldon and Mr. Hutchins were presented, asking that they might be allowed to continue the use of the old piers and floats now in use by them until the close of the season.

IT WAS VOTED, that in view of the lateness of the season, Mr. Sheldon and Mr. Hutchins be given till October 1st to remove their piers and floats at Marine Park.

Chas. G. Lawrence
Sec'y pro. tem.

BOSTON, AUGUST 30, 1900.

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the office of Mr. Stratton, 68 Devonshire street, at 11 A. M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, Mr. Prendergast being absent from the city.

IT IS VOTED, that William E. C. Nazro be appointed an assistant superintendent, to have charge, under the Superintendent, of Franklin Park, Columbia Road (Strandway) and Marine Park, including Castle Island, at a salary of one hundred dollars a month.

VOTED, that the Chairman request the Auditor to draw a draft for $3850 in favor of Messrs Matthews & Thompson, for professional services in the investigation of the Park Department, this being in conformity with the report of the Special Committee on the investigation of the Department and the action of the Board of Aldermen thereon, and with the assent of the Mayor, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for the Park Department.

VOTED, to pay George M. Cassill three dollars for each negative and one completed photograph of the same, 8 x 10 inches, of such views at Marine Park and on the Strandway (Columbia Road) as shall be satisfactory to the Board.

Chas G. Lawrence,
Secy pro tem.

BOSTON, AUGUST 30, 1900.

The following proposals for building a drain between the Arborway and Woodman street, were received and opened at 64 Pemperton square, at 12 M., the Chairman being present.

Patrick Mc Govern,	Boston.	$9478.30
Thomas F. Minton,	"	9839.60
H. P. Nawn,	"	10987.00
John J. Falvey,	"	11911.20
Charles G. Craib,	Winthrop,	12647.50

Chas G. Lawrence,
Secy pro tem

BOSTON, AUGUST 31, 1900.

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 12 M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, Mr. Prendergast being absent from the city.

VOTED, that the bid of Patrick McGovern, for building a drain between the Arborway and Woodman street, be accepted, and that the Chairman be authorized to accept the bond and approve the contract.

Chas. G. Lawrence,
Sec. Bd. Com.

BOSTON, SEPTEMBER 7, 1900.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 11 A.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the meeting of August 13, also special meetings of July 31, August 22, 30 and 31 were read and approved.

The Superintendent reported that he had ordered the changes made in the Muddy River gate-house, recommended by Mr. Putnam, to increase the flow of water into the Fens, at a cost of about one hundred dollars. He also reported an estimate of the cost of filling the pond in the glade at Franklin Park, and submitted a report on the injury of a Mrs. Fratus, caused by a golf ball driven by L.B.Abbott Jr.

On recommendation of the Superintendent it was

VOTED, to increase the pay of C. G. Corliss, blacksmith, from $2.75 to $3.00 per day.

The Superintendent submitted the following bids for a steam roller:

Pioneer Iron Works,	4000 lbs.	$1400.00
Julian Scholl & Co.		
2 ton hand steering gear,		1250.00
2 " power " "		1325.00
3 " hand " "		1400.00
3 " power " "		1475.00
O. S. Kelly Company,	5 1/2 tons	1850.00

and recommended in his report the purchase of the Scholl roller at $1475. It was thereupon

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to purchase a Scholl 3 ton power-steering gear roller, at an expense of fourteen hundred and seventy-five dollars, to be charged to maintenance account.

VOTED, that Mr. Shea be given charge of all playgrounds,and such outlying parks as the Superintendent may designate.

An order of the City Council authorizing the Mayor to release to the Trustees of the Boston Water Power Company, land on Ipswich street,formerly purchased from said Company for the purposes of a railroad location or passageway, as it is not needed for said purposes, was received and placed on file.

A request of the Board of Election Commissioners for permission to place voting booths on the corners of Berkeley and Fairfield streets and Commonwealth avenue, was received and it was

VOTED, that the Board of Election Commissioners be authorized to erect voting booths at Berkeley and Fairview streets, on Commonwealth avenue, in locations approved by the Superintendent of Parks; provided said booths be erected not earlier than the day before the State election,and removed not later than the second day after the municipal election.

A communication from the Sewer Division of the Street Department, requesting a right of way for the Mendum and Fairview street sewer through Arboretum grounds, was received and laid over.

A communication from Joseph Bergman with reference to land for a playground on Massachusetts avenue and Proctor street,was received and the Secretary was directed to acknowledge the same, and to say that it will receive due consideration by the Board.

A communication from John Gorham, Ordnance Sergeant U.S. Army, requesting leave to have supplies delivered to him over the bridge to Castle Island, was received and the Secretary was directed to acknowledge the same, and to say that the Board regrets that it cannot grant his request.

A notice from Joseph Engel on his petition for a stable,on the Arborway, was received and placed on file.

A request of J. A. Hendrie & Brother for cancellation of the rent charges for the Overlook, for this season, in consideration of the unsatisfactory condition of business during the

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last three years, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

Communications from the Superintendent of Streets in regard to the removal of the cofferdam in the Riverway, also regarding the planting of trees and watering of Columbia Road, were received and placed on file.

A communication from the Boston Electric Light Company regarding the removal of poles and wires crossing the Parkway at Pond street, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

Adjourned to September 25.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, SEPTEMBER 25, 1900.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast, also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the meeting of September 7 were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report recommending the fencing off and seeding with grass one-half of Columbus Avenue Playground, in order to try maintaining it in turf, and it was

VOTED, that the Superintendent's recommendation be approved.

The Superintendent reported that the complaint of Martin J. Hannon in regard to the tennis ground keeper's conduct of the game at Franklin Park was not well founded; but that he had changed the rule allowing courts to be held for Saturday afternoon players. to obviate any friction there may have been on that account.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication of J. M. Greene regarding the erection of a horse drinking fountain at the Abbotswood spring, stating that the supply would be insufficient for such a purpose, and that the erection of other drinking troughs was under consideration.

An order of the Common Council requesting that the Board consider the advisability of purchasing the territory bounded by Charlestown, Lynn, Thatcher, and Cooper streets, for a public square, was received and a report thereon was sent to the Mayor.

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Common Council orders requesting the removal of a sidewalk adjacent to North End Beach placed there for experimental purposes, and the erection of a permanent bandstand at Jamaica Park, with reports from the Superintendent thereon; also Common Council order requesting that the flagpole be replaced on Franklin Park playground, were received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A petition from the West End Street Railway Company for leave to erect and maintain poles at Charlestown Playground, was received and it was

VOTED, that the West End Street Railway Company be authorized to relocate its poles for carrying the wires of its electric system on Charlestown Playground adjoining Alford street, in accordance with a plan by A.L.Plimpton, dated September 5, 1900, said changes to be made under the conditions prescribed in the usual form of permit to be issued therefor; said poles to be removed upon notice from this Board.

A communication from the New York Department of Parks regarding restrictions against the admission of automobiles in Central Park, and the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company in regard to the removal of the wires running to the Yacht Club houses, at the Strandway, were received and placed on file.

A communication from Mrs. K. G. Wells requesting that two additional classes a week be arranged for at the Women's Gymnasium at Charlesbank, during the winter, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A notice from the Board of Health of offensive odors from a large pond of stagnant water at Rogers Park, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A request of James A. Doyle that rent for the house on the White estate at Chestnut Hill be reckoned from November 15, on account of the large expense incurred by him in fitting it up, was received and the Secretary was directed to reply that rent may begin October 15.

A request of Grace Newton Dana for data regarding historic trees was received and referred to the Superintendent for reply.

A communication from Charles E. Folsom proposing land in Dorchester for park or playground purposes, also communications from the Board of Police regarding traffic teaming in the parks, and additional police protection against fires in the Arboretum, were received and placed on file.

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Sundry communications from the Boston Electric Light Company, Police Department, and Fire Commissioner Russell, regarding removal of overhead wires in the park system, were received and referred to the Chairman.

VOTED, that there be allowed and paid to Courtenay Guild, City Collector, the sum of one hundred and sixty-three and 75/100 dollars, in payment for the taxes for 1899 upon the estate of James H. Stark, taken for Columbus Avenue Playground, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for playgrounds.

VOTED, that there be allowed and paid to Courtenay Guild, City Collector, the sum of one hundred and sixty-three and 75/100 dollars, in payment of the taxes for 1899 upon the estate of Isaac N. Tucker et.al, taken for Columbus Avenue Playground, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment, said amount to be charged to the appropriation for playgrounds.

VOTED, that whereas by an act of this Board passed April 29, 1892, a public park was located and laid out in the City of Boston, by taking in fee certain parcels of land at or near the Arnold Arboretum belonging to several persons and parties, whereof a certain parcel of land belonged to Ellen Dailey, as appears by said act, there be awarded and paid to the said Ellen Dailey the sum of twenty-seven and 80/100 dollars upon her proving title thereto and giving a deed for the same, also an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs, and expenses in consequence of said taking including a release of all damages caused by the deepening of the channel of the brook running from the Arnold Arboretum to Woodman street, or for the diversion of the brook running through her land, satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for public parks.

The Superintendent submitted the following recommendations:

That an appropriation of $250 be made for overhauling loam pits and replanting at Charlestown Heights Plaza;

That an appropriation of $200 be made for a tool shed at Wood Island Park, to permit of the tearing down of an old one;

That $750 be appropriated for making a loam space and planting on Scott court, Mystic Playground;

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That $100 be appropriated for drainage at Charlestown Heights lawn and sand courts;

That $250 be appropriated for construction of steps from Prescott street bridge to lower level, for convenience of access to gymnasium, ball ground, and ice field;

That $2300 be appropriated for Christopher Gibson Playground, for filling, loam, and planting, and for drinking fountain;

That $2800 be appropriated for grading, loaming, and planting at Ashmont Playground; and it was

VOTED, that the Superintendent's recommendations be adopted, omitting the appropriation of $2800 for Ashmont Playground, compensation for the taking of which is now in litigation.

Adjourned to October 1.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, OCTOBER 1, 1900.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the meeting of September 25 were read and approved.

On recommendation of the Superintendent he was authorized to permit the Essex County Parks, and Messrs Ellwanger & Barry of Rochester New York, to gather seeds of shrubbery in the parks of this Department.

The Superintendent submitted a grading and drainage plan for Roslindale Playground, and a report recommending that the foundations of a wall along the Robert street slope be constructed from material on the ground, and it was

VOTED, that the laying of the foundations of the wall, as recommended by the Superintendent, be approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication of Mrs. Kate Gannett Wells regarding the employment of Miss Cutler for afternoon classes at Charlesbank, in addition to the evening classes, recommending the payment of $2.50 per session, and the dispensing, in the interests of economy, with the services of Mrs. Haley. The Superintendent's recommendations were approved.

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A communication from the Western Union Telegraph Company regarding the removal of its wires crossing Commonwealth avenue, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from H. E. Hardwick requesting information as to the award made by the City for land taken from E. A. Mutel, was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

A communication from City Solicitor Thomas M. Babson, recommending the settlement of the betterment suit of Addie A. Higgins, Riverway, for $300 without interest, if paid on or before the first of November, was received and it was

VOTED, that the Law Department be authorized to settle the suit of Addie A. Higgins for a reduction of the betterments assessed upon her estate on account of the laying out of the parkway Muddy River, for the sum of three hundred dollars, without interest.

A communication from the West End Street Railway Company accepting the vote of the Board authorizing relocation of poles in Charlestown Playground, was received and placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication of J. A. Hendrie and Brother, asking for a cancellation of the rent charges at the Overlook, for this season, on account of the unsatisfactory condition of business, and the Secretary was directed to notify Messrs Hendrie and Brother, that, if they will pay the amount which is shown by their account to be due for the season of 1899, together with the water rates for this season, the Board will consider their request for remission of rent charges for this year.

VOTED, that the regulations governing the operation of motor vehicles on the public parks or boulevards, adopted February 6, 1899, and amended January 22 and March 5, 1900, be further amended by substituting the figures 11.30 for 10.30, and 8 for 9,-so that the last part of said regulations shall read as follows: No person shall run or operate a motor vehicle on the public parks, between the hours of 11.30 A.M. and 8 P.M., except upon the traffic roads, boulevards and highways, or to gain access by the shortest way from the nearest street to a house fronting on a parkway.

A communication from the Bath Department requesting the Board to grant a location for a new bathhouse on the Strandway, was received, together with a plan of the proposed bathhouse, and it was

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VOTED, that the site indicated on a plan of the Strandway "Showing Topography at Mosquito Fleet Yacht Club", dated November, 1899, be designated for the new bathhouse provided for by an order of the City Council appropriating the sum of $4500 therefor, and that the Bath Trustees be authorized to proceed with the erection of said bathhouse.

A plan of the Boston Electric Light Company, dated September 28, 1900, showing proposed underground connections from the conduit in the Arborway to two lamps on Pond street and one on Forest Hills street, which the Boston Electric Light Company had agreed to put in with the understanding that the Park Department would pay for so much of the conduits as were within the park limits. The plan was approved and the Secretary was authorized to issue permits accordingly.

Adjourned to October 8.

Geo. F. Clarke.
Sec'y.

BOSTON, OCTOBER 8, 1900.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt; also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the meeting of October 1 were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report from Engineer Putnam recommending the ballasting of the upper three feet of the retaining wall at the Franklin Park refectory, for a length of about 180 feet, at a cost of $300. The Superintendent also reported that the condition of the rails and balusters around the refectory was bad, and recommended that the Board take expert advice in the matter, and it was

VOTED, to employ Mr. A. W. Longfellow Jr., with the consent of the Mayor, to inspect the building and take charge of what repairs the Board may determine to be necessary.

An order of the Common Council requesting copies of the contract with Mr. Sheldom for the boat service, and the lease of the Head House, Marine Park, to Mr. Bow, was received from the Mayor and referred to the Chairman for reply.

Common Council orders requesting information as to the man-

ner in which the amount of money received at the Head House is ascertained, and requesting the Board to maintain a raft for the use of the public at the new landing, Marine Park, were received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A communication from Mrs. K. G. Wells relative to winter classes at Charlesbank, was received and the Secretary was directed to reply that the question of compensation to the instructor had not been passed on by the Board, and that it thinks Miss Cutler should give more service for the compensation proposed in Mrs. Wells' letter of September 13.

A communication from the South Boston Yacht Club requesting a hearing in regard to lease, was received and referred to the Chairman to arrange a hearing as requested.

A communication from the Board of Police relative to policing the public landing, Marine Park, was received and placed on file.

A request of P. Dooley for the erection of a fence between his land and the Fellows Street Playground, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

The Secretary was directed to notify the Bumpkin Island Outing Club, that, unless the rent that is due for occupancy of park land is paid within two weeks, the Board will remove the building.

Adjourned to October 15.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

Boston, October 15, 1900.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the meeting of October 8 were read and approved.

The Superintendent reported on the application of the Post Office Department for permission to erect a mail box on the curb at 57 Commonwealth avenue, that such permits should only be granted for locations on street crossings, and the boxes should be attached to electric light poles or sign posts, and a reply to that effect was sent to the Superintendent of the Back Bay Station.

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The Superintendent submitted a report in answer to the communication of Randall G. Morris, Chairman of a Committee of the West Roxbury Citizen's Association, in regard to drainage of Billings Field; and a reply was made to the letter of Chairman Morris concerning this matter, and the estimated cost of constructing the West Roxbury Parkway.

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to expend not more than $1000 in filling Savin Hill Playground, in order to extend the beach to the railroad embankment.

Executive Circular, Number 11, requesting Departments to take notice of an order of the Board of Aldermen in regard to granting a holiday to employees who are members of Veteran Firemen's Associations, on Saturday, October 13, 1900, was received and placed on file.

A communication from Mayor Hart approving of the appointment of A. W. Longfellow, Jr.,to inspect the Franklin Park refectory and have charge of whatever repair work may be found to be necessary, was received and placed on file.

A communication was received from Mrs. K. G. Wells, stating that the Committee of the Massachusetts Emergency & Hygiene Association had arranged with Miss Cutler to give six lessons, weekly, from October 15, 1900 to March 15, 1901, at Charlesbank, for sixty dollars per month; also requesting that Miss Cutler be engaged as instructor for the summer classes 1901, at the same salary she has been receiving, and it was

VOTED, that the arrangement proposed by Mrs. Wells be approved.

The Superintendent recommended that a new heating apparatus be installed in the women's building, Charlesbank, in accordance with the estimate submitted in his letter of September 18, 1899, and the Superintendent was authorized to obtain competitive prices on the material required.

A communication from the Suburban Light and Power Company regarding removal of wires crossing Columbia Road, at Upham's Corner, was received and placed on file.

A communication from James H. Stark regarding the construction of a passageway to Savin Hill Playground, was received and the Secretary was directed to reply stating the action the Board has taken in the matter.

A communication from Messrs J. Murray Howe & Bradlee inquiring whether delivery wagons can deliver goods to a house erected

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on land of Henry M. White, at the westerly corner of Tremont Entrance and the Fenway, was received and the Secretary was directed to reply that such access is permitted under the rules governing the Fens.

A communication from Messrs Francis P. Sprague, Thornton K. Lothrop, and B. Rodman Weld requesting that automobiles be required to be conspicuously numbered, was received and laid over.

A communication from J. Oliver Higgins in regard to repairing a division fence between the land of Catherine Higgins and Crotty, was received and referred to the Superintendent.

A request from the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company for permission to place two underground connections across Columbia Road, at P and Q streets, in accordance with a plan submitted, was received and the Secretary was authorized to issue a permit to the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company to make two underground connections on Columbia Road and the Strandway, as shown on the plan submitted with their request for a permit.

The Superintendent submitted a request of Jones & Meehan to erect three anchor posts in the shrubberies at South Street and Arborway, for derrick guys, as shown on a plan, recommending that the request be granted, and the Secretary was authorized to issue a permit in accordance with the Superintendent's recommendation, limited to four months.

Adjourned to October 23.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, OCTOBER 22, 1900.

A special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Mr. Pratt's office, 35 Congress street, at 12.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast.

VOTED, that no men be employed on construction work, except planting, until the Board otherwise directs, except that the Superintendent may be allowed to perform what work is necessary, not to extend over two days, at or about the Administration building in Franklin Park.

BOSTON, OCTOBER 23, 1900.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast; also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the meeting of October 15, and special meeting of October 22, were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication from Robert Treat Paine Jr.,requesting that the City teams be allowed to reach his house over Agassiz bridge, in which the Superintendent stated that he did not think it desirable to change the rule; and the matter was referred to the Chairman for reply.

The Superintendent reported on a request of Councilman Grady, that this Department contribute towards the payment of a watchman at North End Beach, stating, that, as the Beach is under the control of the Bath Department, it is unnecessary for this Department to,contribute anything toward the support of a watchman;and a reply to this effect was sent to Mr.Grady.

A petition from Joseph Lee, secretary of a committee to whom authority has been granted by the Bath Department to carry on a playground at North End Beach, asking the Board to make provision for skating there, during the coming winter, was received and the petition refused for the same reasons as above stated.

The Superintendent reported on the petition of Thomas Downey for lights on the traffic road of the Arborway, recommending that the Rising Sun Street Lighting Company's lamps be installed,at a cost of $120, the Superintendent of Lamps having agreed to maintain them, and it was

VOTED, to accept the Superintendent's recommendation, and authorize him to do the work.

The Superintendent submitted bids for the boiler and piping, and estimates of labor and fittings required for installing a heating plant in the women's building, Charlesbank, aggregating the sum of $423.70, and the Superintendent was authorized to accept the lowest bids, and do the work in accordance with his report.

The Superintendent submitted proposals for furnishing 700 cubic yards of loam for Mystic Playground, ranging from $1.00 to $1.75 per cubic yard, and it was

VOTED, to accept the lowest bid, and authorize the Superintendent to have the work done.

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The Superintendent submitted a report from Engineer Putnam recommending that a picket fence be built on the westerly boundary of Fellows Street Playground, at an estimated cost for one half of the fence, of $25.20. The recommendation was approved and the Superintendent authorized to erect the fence, provided the abutting owner will pay one-half the cost.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the order of the Common Council requesting that a raft for the use of the public be placed at the boat landing at Marine Park, recommending that a float and gangway be purchased and placed there, and that he would have Mr. Putnam examine a float and gangway which Mr. Sheldon has for sale.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the communication of Mr. Sheldon, of October 11, regarding the closing of the public landing, that it did not seem to him necessary to retain a man in charge, and recommended that the building be closed, except the platform on the side that will be occupied by the public float; and it was

VOTED, to approve the Superintendent's recommendation.

The Superintendent reported the facts in the case of Richard Haley, injured at Columbus Avenue Playground while in the discharge of his duty, and the request of Mr. Ames that the Department pay his bill for attendance on the injured man; and the matter was laid over.

The Superintendent reported the completion of the heavy work of grading at Columbus Avenue Playground, and submitted a plan for grading Charlestown Playground, at an estimated cost of $9,920; also that the cost of draining the upper portion of Franklin Field would be $2,798, and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to grade Charlestown Playground in accordance with said plan, and to drain the high grounds of Franklin Field, provided that the Corporation Counsel gives his opinion that money appropriated for "Public Playground Construction", under the loan order passed by the City Council and approved by the Mayor, July 31, can be used for the construction of playgrounds at Charlestown Playground and Franklin Field.

A report was submitted by the Superintendent on the application of the Boston Cricket Club for permission to use the grounds they used last year at Franklin Field, during the season of 1901, in which the Superintendent stated that these

grounds had been fitted up for tennis, and that the Cricket Club can be accommodated eastward of their old grounds; and it was

VOTED, to grant permission to the Boston Cricket Club to play cricket on Franklin Field, during the season of 1901, on grounds designated by the Superintendent of Parks.

A petition was received from the West End Street Railway Company for leave to locate four poles on Christopher Gibson Playground, adjoining Park street. The Superintendent submitted a report from Engineer Putnam, that the poles, as at present located, interfere with the Company's snow plows, also that the tracks are placed on the northerly side of the street to facilitate the running of cars into and out of the sheds. The matter was referred to the Superintendent to see if some way cannot be devised to accommodate the Company without encroaching on the public interests.

VOTED, that the regulations governing the operation of motor vehicles on the public parks or boulevards, be amended by inserting at the end of the first rule the following words,- nor unless such vehicle bears the number of its license in Arabic figures, not less than two inches in height, in a conspicuous manner on the rear of said vehicle, and not less than one inch in height on the lamps of said vehicle.

A request from the Superintendent of Lamps that a permit be issued to the Boston Electric Light Company, to allow the man who trims the arc lamps on the Park System to drive on said System for the purpose of attending to his duties, was received and it was

VOTED, that an employee of the Boston Electric Light Company be permitted to drive a horse and wagon on the public parks whereneceasary to trim the lamps.

VOTED, that the City Treasurer be requested to pay Margarett E. Connell, daughter of Michael Howard, deceased, the amount due him on the pay rolls of this Department.

VOTED, that the City Treasurer be requested to pay Agusta D. McDonald, widow of Thomas F. McDonald, deceased, the amount due him on the pay rolls of this Department.

Communications from James Denn, laborer in the Park Department, addressed to Mayor Hart and referred by him to the Board, regarding the wearing of the park uniform suit; and from the Right Reverend Monsignor Doane suggesting that an inscription

be placed on the John Hancock steps, at Pine Bank, also that swans would be an addition to the pond, were received and placed on file.

A communication from Superintendent of Streets Wheeler, regarding ashes for filling at Savin Hill Playground, was received and referred to the Superintendent to confer with the Contractor in regard to the use of ashes for said purpose.

A communication from P. W. Whittemore offering land for sale adjoining land of Harvard College in Roslindale, for a playground, was received and placed on file.

Adjourned to October 29.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, OCTOBER 29, 1900.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast; also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the meeting of October 23 were read and approved.

The Superintendent reported on the petition of the Boston Elevated Railway Company for leave to place the trolley poles now in Park street, adjoining Christopher Gibson Playground, within the lines of the Playground, that the poles, if set as proposed, would not be any more detrimental, in point of appearance, than where now set; and recommended that the privilege be granted on the consideration that the Company pays fifteen dollars per annum, and agrees to remove the poles on demand; and the Secretary was directed to notify the Company that the Board is disposed to grant the privilege on the said conditions.

The Superintendent's report on the case of Richard Haley was taken up and it was

VOTED, to approve the action of the Superintendent in continuing Haley's name on the pay rolls at full time, since the accident to him; and to allow the doctor's bill of $16.00 for services rendered to Haley.

The Superintendent submitted a report on the desirability

and cost of connecting the two small pools at Marine Park,with the large one, and it was

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to connect the two smaller pools with the larger one, at Marine Park, as recommended by him, at an estimated expense of one hundred dollars.

The Superintendent submitted a letter from the Boston Electric Light Company regarding the cost of placing electric wires at Castle Island and Wood Island Park underground, which was laid over. Subsequently the Board approved the plan for Wood Island Park and ordered the work done.

The Superintendent reported on the application of H. F. Brackett & Company for permission to cart bricks from the old hospital building across Castle Island bridge, recommending that permission be not granted, and the matter was referred to the Chairman to notify them that the Board cannot grant their request.

The Superintendent reported on the petition of S. B. Kinraide to use an automobile on the Parkway between Lockstead avenue and Perkins street, during the time Perkins street is closed to travel, stating that he did not consider it advisable to grant the request; and the matter was referred to the Secretary to notify Mr. Kinraide that the Board cannot grant his request.

A request of the Superintendent of Public Buildings for leave to erect a pole and run wires across the pier at North End Beach, in order to light the old warship "Minnesota", was received and referred to Mr. Pettigrew for report.

A request of the Boston Elevated Railway Company for the privilege of dumping snow and ice on Charlestown Playground, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

A request of the new Algonquin Club for leave to run a wire across Commonwealth avenue, for use on election night, was received and it was

VOTED, that the new Algonquin Club be permitted to run a wire from the Hotel Vendome to its Club House. at # 217 Commonwealth avenue, for the purpose of receiving election returns, November 6; provided said wire is erected not earlier than the day before and removed the day after the election.

A communication was received from the Boston Elevated Railway Company questioning the right of the Board to require the Company to put its feed wires on Seaver street underground; and

the Secretary was directed to send the letter to the Corporation Counsel for his opinion on the question of the jurisdiction of the Board over Seaver street.

A petition from J. B. Blake, M.D. and twenty-eight others praying the Board not to construct a speedway upon Franklin Field, nor to divert from use as a playground any portion of the Field suitable for the purpose, was received and placed on file.

An opinion was received from the Corporation Counsel that the money appropriated for public playground construction, by the loan order passed by the City Council, and approved by the Mayor, July 31, 1900, can, with the approval of the Mayor, be used for the construction of any ground set aside to be used by the Commissioners as a public playground; and a letter was addressed to the Mayor asking his approval for using some part of the appropriation for construction at Charlestown Playground and Franklin Field.

A communication from Edmund A. Whitman asking the Board for information as to its action in the Westminster Chambers matter, and the status of Trinity Triangle, in order that counsel in the case may agree upon the facts, was received and replied to.

A communication was sent to the Mayor requesting an assurance that the amount received from the sale of land originally purchased by this Department for a passageway and street railway location at the Fens, will be transferred to the Appropriation for park construction, at the end of the year.

The Secretary was directed to notify Mr. A.Davis Weld that the Board will renew its offer,for the land taken from the Weld Estate for the West Roxbury Parkway, of $15,500 without interest or betterments, the owner to give the usual park deed and not be required to give an option on additional land, as specified at the time the original offer was made.

Adjourned to November 5.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, NOVEMBER 5, 1900.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Pine Bank office at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the meeting of October 29 were read and approved.

The Superintendent reported on the request of the Boston Elevated Railway Company for the privilege of dumping clean snow and ice on Charlestown Playground, recommending the request be granted, and it was

VOTED, that permission be granted the Boston Elevated Railway Company to dump clean snow and ice on Charlestown Playground, during the coming winter, in such places as the Superintendent of Parks shall direct, and on condition of its keeping a man there at all times while dumping, and to prevent all unauthorized dumping by other than its own teams.

The Superintendent submitted a letter from W. D. Turner requesting that trees and shrubs be furnished the Boston Yacht Club for planting its grounds, and the matter was referred to the Superintendent with full power.

Executive Circular, Number 12, requesting that all men employed in the Department be allowed half-holidays on November 6 and December 11 (State and City election days), without loss of pay, was received and it was

VOTED, to grant the usual half-holiday to all employees of this Department, on the State and City election days, without loss of pay, as part compensation for their services.

A communication from City Solicitor Thomas M. Babson requesting the approval of the Board to the settlement of the case of John P. and Henry C. Howe, for land taken for the Strandway, for $5100 and costs, and it was

VOTED, that the Law Department be authorized to settle the suit of John P. Howe and Henry C. Howe for damages for land taken for the Strandway, for the sum of fifty-one hundred dollars, without interest.

A communication from J. Q. A. Brackett in behalf of Margaret Wade, claiming that the land taken from her for Chestnut Hill Park was worth, at the time of taking, 55 cents per foot, was received and laid over.

A communication from Charles H. Bradlee, Superintendent Boston Farm School, requesting permission to do some dredging at the public landing at Marine Park, for his own accommodation, was received together with a recommendation from the Farm School

that a new channel to the public landing be made. The matter was referred to the Superintendent for report.

A request of the Boston Elevated Railway Company, for permission to dump snow on Columbus Avenue Playground, was received together with a report from the Superintendent that he expected to be able to flood the ground for skating, which would prevent the granting of the request. The matter was referred to the Chairman for reply.

Petition from W. T. Sedgwick and 213 other members of the Civic League, and from Orville T. Rogers and four others, against the construction of a speedway on Franklin Field, or the diversion from use as a playground of any portion of the Field suitable for the purpose, was received and placed on file.

The Superintendent was directed to finish the surfacing of Columbus Avenue Playground without loam as authorized by a former vote.

Commodore Simon Goldsmith, ex-Commodore Fuller, and Messrs W. H. Godfrey, A. Wight, and John C. Merry, a Committee of the South Boston Yacht Club, came before the Board in regard to the proposed lease of additional land to the Club.

Mr. C. S. Rackemann appeared for the Club. He said that during August and September he saw Mr. Wheelwright, Assistant City Solicitor, in regard to the terms of the lease, and submitted a letter from him suggesting that the Board go down and look at the site. He said that the Club objects to the clause providing that a rental be charged after the first period of eight years, because it left the Club uncertain in regard to the important matter of rental, and because, if it cannot agree with the City it must submit to arbitration and, perhaps, be liable, under the clause providing that failure to agree shall be considered a breach of a covenant of the lease. He also objected to the penalty for a breach of covenant of $500, provided for in another clause of the lease.

Mr. Rackemann further said, in relation to the proposed rental, that there was no data at hand for fixing a rental value. As a member of the Board he would have great difficulty in arriving at such a figure as Mr. Wheelwright suggests - $500. Under the circumstances in which the land is held there could be no competition. The Board was not free to let it for any purpose not consistent with the purposes for which it was taken. It was important, however, that the proposed rental should be

agreed upon in advance and included in the lease.

Commodore Goldsmith said that the land is situated between two buildings and not desirable for any use not in connection with the two adjoining Clubs. The Club has a debt of about $18,000, and expects to expend about $8,000 more on the proposed extension. If the Board fixes the rent at $500 they would be unable to accept the lease. He said the annual dues were only eight dollars; the rent of a locker was ten or twelve dollars. He said he thought fifty dollars a year enough rent for the small addition to their lot.

Ex-Commodore Fuller said that the Club was struggling under a heavy indebtedness and could not afford to pay rent. It hoped, by adding to its building, to increase its membership, which was now 320. By the addition of bowling alleys and lockers they hope to increase the membership. The Club is in no condition to pay $500 rent; it is a social, not a money-making organization.

Mr. John C. Merry also spoke of the financial condition of the Club. He said that there were only two paid officers, measurer and secretary, who received small compensations. No liquor is sold. The Club would be under large expense for fence and grounds. He said he thought the additional ground to be given the Club ought to be put in on the same terms as the old lease.

The Chairman stated, in reply, that the City had been at great expense in filling this land for the general public benefit, and that, where exclusive privileges are given, they ought to be paid for. The Board would take the matter of rental under consideration; and with regard to the objections raised by Counsel as to the form of the lease, he would refer them to the proper officer of the Law Department.

Adjourned to November 12.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, NOVEMBER 12, 1900.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at the Chairman's office, 68 Devonshire street, at 2.30 P. M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast; also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the meeting of November 5 were read and approved.

The Superintendent submitted a report in reference to watering Commonwealth avenue, and the Superintendent was authorized to increase the service by the addition of another water-cart.

A letter and memo. from Mr. C.E. Bradley, Superintendent of the Farm School, asking permission to dredge the easterly side of the public landing to a depth sufficient to provide a berth for his boat to make a landing at low tide, and suggesting that a new channel be dredged, properly buoyed and with ranges set so as to be accessible at all times, was received together with a report from the Superintendent stating that room for a permanent berth could not be spared at the public landing, except during the late fall and winter season, and that a new channel was not necessary. The matter was referred to the Chairman to reply to Mr. Bradley's request for leave to dredge, that he may do so with the understanding that it is for his own accommodation. and that a permanent berth cannot be given him except during the late fall and winter season.

The Superintendent stated that in the recent high courses of tides the beach at Savin Hill Beach had been damaged, and it was

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to spend $500 additional to the amount already expended for filling Savin Hill Playground.

A letter was sent to the Mayor requesting the transfer of the amount of street watering assessments on Commonwealth avenue, Columbia Road, and the Parkways to the appropriation for Park Department.

Communications from H. G. Tyrrell requesting photographs and description of bridges, and from the City Trust, Safe Deposit and Surety Company of Philadelphia requesting that the bond given by William L Miller for use of street be cancelled, were received and referred to the Secretary.

Petitions from Davis R. Dewey and others against the use of any part of Franklin Field as a speedway, and from the Savin Hill Improvement Association for the purchase of the wooded and rocky portions of Savin Hill as a public reservation or park, were received and placed on file.

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The Secretary was directed to notify William Campbell that the building on the Strandway belonging to him will be removed within a week unless the rent is paid.

Adjourned to November 19.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, NOVEMBER 19, 1900.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Mr. Pratt's office, 35 Congress street, at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, Mr. Prendergast being absent from the City; also present Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the meeting of November 12 were read and approved.

At the superintendent's suggestion it was

VOTED, to give to the United States Government, through the Superintendent of the Washington Botanic Garden, some Japanese red-buds and a few pines, for use at a government park in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

A request from the Boston Low Tension Wire Association for permission to lay an underground wire service across Commonwealth avenue at Dartmouth street, for the benefit of the Mutual District Messenger Company and the Boston District Messenger Company, was received and it was

VOTED, that the Secretary issue a permit to the Boston Low Tension Wire Association to lay an underground conduit across Commonwealth avenue, at Dartmouth street, in accordance with plan dated November 15, 1900, and filed with its application for said permit.

Adjourned to November 26.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, NOVEMBER 26, 1900.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Mr. Pratt's office, 35 Congress street, at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast; also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the meeting of November 19 were read and approved.

The Superintendent reported, that, acting under instructions from the Board, he had suspended 103 laborers and put the maintenance force on half-time; and recommended that men not needed on maintenance work be utilized to finish the work on playgrounds. It was thereupon

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to employ the surplus men not needed on maintenance work in finishing the drainage of Charlestown Playground and Franklin Field, and work already authorized at Roslindale Playground and Savin Hill Beach.

The Superintendent submitted a report from Mr. Putnam on the condition of the scow and gangway now at Marine Park landing, which Mr. Sheldon offered to sell to the Department; and recommended that an offer of $275 be made for them, to be retained there for the use of the public, the Farm School, and Mr. Hutchins. It was thereupon

VOTED, to authorize the purchase of the scow and gangway from the Boston Parks Boat Service Company, if the same can be obtained for $275, and to retain them at the landing at Marine Park for use as a public landing, as recommended by the Superintendent.

A communication was received from the Mayor stating, in answer to the letter of the Board of November 12, that the amount which the City expects to receive from street watering assessments has already been appropriated, and there seems to be no practicable method for transferring a part of it to this Department. The matter was referred to the Chairman to communicate further with the Mayor with a view of having a transfer made from surplus revenue to the appropriation for maintenance.

Communications from the Superintendent of Streets in relation to the disposition of assessments levied on parkways under the street watering act, and in regard to the construction of a catch-basin on Centre street were received and placed on file.

The Superintendent submitted an estimate from Mr. Putnam of the cost of draining thirteen acres of the Whittemore land between Washington and Florence streets, Roslindale, and putting the land in condition for playground purposes, which was placed on file.

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A communication from the Fire Commissioner requesting permission for their light repair wagons to go through Commonwealth avenue, when necessary, was received and it was

VOTED, that employees of the Fire Department be permitted to drive the light wagons of the Fire Alarm Service through Commonwealth avenue, when necessary to correct any defect in the fire alarm wires.

The Superintendent submitted a report in reference to a request of G. H. Bond, that the City contribute towards the cost of making a granolithic walk in front of his house on Commonwealth avenue, and the matter was referred to the Chairman to reply to Mr. Bond.

A report from A. W. Longfellow, Jr.,in regard to the repairs that he considered necessary to be made to the Franklin Park refectory, was received and placed on file.

Mr. Prendergast submitted a communication from the Secretary of the Boston Elevated Railway Company, transmitting a vote of the Executive Committee of said Company, requesting him to inform the Park Board in regard to its request that cars be required to stop at the crossing of the Parkway at Washington street, that lessening the speed to four miles an hour would do away with all danger; and the Chairman was requested to express to President Bancroft the satisfaction of the Board with the action taken by the Company.

Joseph E. Stedman, Henry W. Broughton, H. D. Rust, George T. Cushman, William A. Rolfe, and W. Herbert Grant, physicians of Boston, came before the Board with reference to the opening of park roads to their automobiles when upon professional business. Mr. Stedman stated that the public good required that they as physicians should have the privilege of using park roads when on professional calls, especially in emergency cases. He said that he has no horse and depends upon his automobile entirely. Delay was caused to doctors by their having to figure to avoid certain roads. He instanced particularly the Parkway between Pond street and Perkins, to avoid which required a wide detour around by Centre street. If the Park roads were open to them at all times they could be depended upon to use them judiciously.

Br.Broughton said that it was a difficult problem for them to know how to reach patients when intervening Park roads forbid them the most direct route. The public has a right to ask

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for promptness on the part of physicians. Strict interpretation of the rule would not allow a physician to attend a case of accident in the parks. For professional work all park roads should be open to the physician.

Dr. Grant, who said he was on the staff of the Free Hospital for women, located on the Parkway, cited two cases where time was precious - one was a case of hemorrhage at the Hospital. His practice is to visit there every day; from there he had to go to Magnolia street, Dorchester, for which the Park roads are the most direct route. In such cases the patient might suffer from delay.

A letter was presented from Dr. Gerry, stating that the convenience and safety of the public demands that physicians, when upon professional business, be allowed upon park roads in automobiles, at any hour or time.

Adjourned to December 10.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, DECEMBER 10, 1900.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Mr. Pratt's office, 35 Congress street, at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast; also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the meeting of November 26 were read and approved.

The Superintendent reported on the application of Mrs. Campbell and Robert Stronnar for the privilege of selling and repairing golf clubs and other paraphernalia connected with the game, and teaching the game at Franklin Park, recommending that the concession be given to Mrs. Campbell. It was, thereupon

VOTED, to grant Mrs. Campbell, for next season, a concession similar to that given to Mr. Campbell the past year, subject to revocation at any time by the Board, and, provided, that all persons employed by her shall be approved by the Board or its Superintendent before being engaged.

The Superintendent submitted a report from Mr. Putnam that the removal of the manholes on the beach at Wood Island Park can be accomplished at a cost of about two hundred dollars,

provided the gates can be used, otherwise the cost will be $250; and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to do the work.

The Superintendent reported on the petition of F.E.Tewksbury, received through the Mayor, for permission to locate a lunch cart at the Christopher Gibson Playground, that a lunch cart would not be a desirable thing to have on the Playground, and that it is doubtful if any necessity exists for such a stand. The petition was refused.

The Superintendent reported that it would be impracticable to flood Mystic Playground for skating, as petitioned for by John J. Mahoney and others, and that the three and a half or four acres of ice provided for skating at Charlestown Playground would seem to be sufficiently convenient for the neighborhood near Mystic Playground.

The Superintendent submitted an estimate of the cost of building 1800 linear feet of barbed wire fence on the division line between the Arboretum and the Adams Nervine Asylum, in accordance with specifications furnished by Mr. Fuller, resident physician, amounting to $360, and the Superintendent was authorized to build the fence and charge the Nervine Asylum with one-half the cost.

The Superintendent submitted a plan for lighting Franklin Field for skating, and a proposition from the Boston Electric Light Company to erect and equip the lampposts,and remove them in the spring, for the sum of $345. The proposition was accepted, and the Secretary was directed to order the work done.

The Superintendent reported that A.McMurtry & Sons offer to pay $100 for the cut stone of the arch formerly standing at the entrance to the Reservoir grounds at Chestnut Hill, and $25 for a pile of rough stone near the Nursery at Chestnut Hill Park, also to furnish filling at Rogers Park, Brighton, at fifty cents per double load; and to furnish filling and loam for the two piles of stone. The Superintendent was authorized to exchange the pile of rough stone for filling, and the Chairman was authorized to communicate with the Engineering Department and the Water Commissioner as to the disposition of the arch.

The Superintendent reported that Mr.Steinebrey, an old and faithful clerk of the Department has been sick for the past three weeks from paralysis, and that his name has been carried

on the rolls at full time since his illness, and asked for instructions in the matter. It was, thereupon,

VOTED, that the Superintendent be authorized to continue Mr. Steinebrey's pay for the present.

The Chairman submitted some correspondence with A. Davis Weld, Trustee, in regard to a settlement of his claim for damages for the taking of his land for the West Roxbury Parkway, and it was

VOTED, to offer him $15,500 with interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum, from August 2, 1897.

Executive Circular, Number 13, requesting department estimates to be submitted on or before December 15, was received and referred to the Superintendent to prepare estimates for the coming financial year, and submit them to the Board.

Executive Circular, Number 14, transmitting the request of the Common Council that the heads of departments affected by the loan bill transmit their opinions upon the necessity of the various items, also their opinions of the sums named in the bill, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets in reply to the request of the Board for a statement of the amount of street watering assessments levied upon boulevards and parkway frontages, was received and placed on file.

A communication from the Deputy Superintendent of the Street Watering Division, enclosing bill for watering the south, or parkway, side of Columbia Road, from July 1st, amounting to $975, was received and the Chairman was authorized to approve a pay roll of the Street Department for said amount.

A communication from the Deputy Superintendent of the Sewer Division, inquiring if the 7 x 9 conduit crossing Brookline avenue from Muddy River gate-house, near the junction of the Riverway and Brookline avenue, is under the care and control of the Sewer Division, was received. The Superintendent stated, that, if the gates which admit water to the Fens are within the street lines, he would not favor that this part of the channel be included under the vote of the Board of January 21, 1895, surrendering to the Street Department so much of the covered channel of Muddy River as is included within the limits of the public streets. It was, thereupon, referred to the Secretary to communicate the facts to the Deputy Superintendent of the Sewer Division, after further investigation by the Superintendent.

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A communication from the Police Department renewing its request for leave to place its wires temporarily on the Boston Elevated Railway Company's poles in Columbia Road, between Dudley and Bird streets, was received and it was

VOTED, to grant the request.

A request of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company for permission to place an underground telephone system and connections to the club houses in Columbia Road, between O and Q streets; also request of the Boston Electric Light Company to make underground connection with the Mosquito Fleet Yacht Club in Columbia Road, in accordance with plans submitted, were received and the Secretary was directed to issue permits accordingly.

Communications from the Suburban Light & Power Company relating to removal of wires crossing Columbia Road, and from the Mutual District Messenger Company regarding the removal of wires on Commonwealth avenue, were received and placed on file.

A communication from D. L. Prendergast, Real Estate Agent, Boston Elevated Railway Company, requesting permission to haul snow sleds on a portion of Columbus Avenue Playground, and offering to pay a nominal rental for the privilege was received, and it was

VOTED, that permission be granted to the Boston Elevated Railway Company to occupy an area of Columbus Avenue Playground extending one hundred and fifty feet along said avenue and one hundred and fifty feet in depth, adjacent to and within fifteen feet of Camden street, for the temporary storage of snow sleds during the coming winter; provided the Company pays twenty dollars for the privilege, and vacates the said premises on or before April 15, 1901.

A communication from J. Q. A. Brackett regarding the claim of Margaret Wade for damages for land taken at Chestnut Hill, and a communication from S. R. Knights regarding the valuation of the land, were received and referred to the Chairman to reply to Mr. Brackett and refer him to the Law Department.

A communication from W. B. Bird regarding a proposition to include the top of Savin Hill in the Park System, was received and placed on file.

A communication from Obrion & Russell regarding insurance on the Head House, Marine Park, was received and referred to the Chairman.

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A petition from physicians of Boston and vicinity that they be allowed to use automobiles upon the park roads, at any and all hours, while on professional duty; also communications from Dr. Stedman suggesting that a distinguishing card be issued to physicians, in case the Board feels justified in granting the petition, and from Dr. W. H. Grant protesting against the regulations requiring automobiles to carry numbers, were received and placed on file. The Chairman was requested to communicate with Dr. Sprague asking if he and others, who formerly appeared before the Board to oppose the granting of additional privileges to automobiles, desired to be heard on the matter of the petition.

A petition that the Franklin Park golf links be kept open as long as the greens are in playable condition, was received and placed on file, the Superintendent having stated that the links had been kept open as long as the season would warrant.

Adjourned to December 17.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, DECEMBER 17, 1900.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Mr. Pratt's office, 35 Congress street, at 3 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton and Pratt, also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the meeting of December 10 were read and approved.

A communication from the Superintendent of Streets regarding the dumping of material on Columbus Avenue Playground, was received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

A communication from D. L. Prendergast accepting the conditions of the vote of the Board permitting the Boston Elevated Railway Company to store snow sleds on a portion of Columbus Avenue Playground, until April 15, 1901, was received and placed on file.

A proposition of the Boston Electric Light Company to install three arc lamps on Columbus Avenue Playground, and remove the same in the spring, for the sum of $65.00, was received and accepted.

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A letter from the Charlestown Gas and Electric Company, agreeing to install three arc lamps on Charlestown Playground, and remove the same at the close of the season, for the actual cost thereof, was received and accepted.

A communication from the Superintendent of Lamps agreeing to assume the cost of lighting temporary arc lamps, during the skating season, at Franklin Field, Columbus Avenue and Charlestown Playgrounds,was received and placed on file.

A request of James Longley that a masonry arch bridge be substituted for the present one on Commonwealth avenue, at Charlesgate, was received and referred to the Superintendent for report.

An application from D. J. McNamara for position of instructor at the Franklin Park golf links, was received and referred to the Secretary for reply.

A communication was received from A. D. Weld, Trustee, accepting the offer of the Board in settlement for the taking of his land for the West Roxbury Parkway, but requesting that the offer be changed to a lump sum of $17,600 to include both principal and interest. It was thereupon

VOTED, that whereas by an act of this Board, passed October 22, 1894, a public park was located and laid out in the City of Boston, by taking in fee certain parcels of land at or near Centre and Weld streets, in West Roxbury, belonging to several persons and parties, whereof a certain parcel of land belonged to Aaron D. Weld and Francis C.Welch, Trustees, under the will of Aaron D. Weld, as appears by said act, there be awarded and paid to the said Aaron D. Weld and Francis C. Welch, Trustees, the sum of seventeen thousand six hundred dollars,upon their proving title thereto and giving a deed for the same,containing all the covenants, restrictions, and conditions contained in the printed form of deed for the Parkway, Muddy River, also an acquittance and discharge of all damages, costs, and expenses arising or in any way growing out of such taking and the construction of said West Roxbury Parkway, satisfactory to the City Solicitor, and that the Chairman sign a request on the City Auditor for a special draft in favor of said payment; said amount to be charged to the appropriation for Public Parks.

Three petitions from residents of Jamaica Plain that the vacant lot of land at the corner of Centre and Walden streets be taken for playground purposes, was received and placed on file.

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The Superintendent reported that the condition of the appropriation for maintenance would permit the employment of fifty additional men, at half-time, until February 1, who might be profitably put at work blasting out the boulders at Franklin Field, and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to reemploy the suspended men so far as the appropriation would allow.

The Superintendent recommended the purchase of four Studebaker sprinklers and four horses for use on Columbia Road, and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to purchase the additional equipment for maintenance account recommended by him.

The Superintendent submitted a report from Mr. Putnam on the feasibility and cost of making a skating ground at North Brighton Playground, and it was

VOTED, to authorize the Superintendent to try the experiment of flooding about one and one-half acres of North Brighton Playground for skating, at an estimated cost of $150.

The Superintendent submitted a report from Mr. Putnam on the claim of William L. Miller for extra work under his contracts for gate-chamber and filling at Charlesgate, and recommended that the cost of levelling the extra filling be allowed him, together with the extra pier and iron work ordered by the Engineer. The Superintendent's recommendation was accepted and the Secretary was instructed to notify Mr. Miller of the decision of the Board.

Adjourned to December 24,

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.

BOSTON, DECEMBER 24, 1900.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was held at Mr. Pratt's office, 35 Congress street, at 2.30 P.M. Present Messrs Stratton, Pratt, and Prendergast; also Superintendent Pettigrew. The records of the meeting of December 17 were read and approved.

The Superintendent reported that he had exchanged the pile of rough stone at Chestnut Hill Park nursery for fifty loads of filling, delivered at Rogers Park, by A.McMurtry & Sons, as authorized by the Board.

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Executive Circular, Number 15, requesting departments to send to the Mayor a brief report of their doings and condition in 1900, for the information of the City Government of 1901, was received. The Superintendent submitted a report of the work of the past year, and the matter was referred to the Chairman to report to the Mayor.

An order of the City Council requesting that skating be allowed on the small pond at Marine Park, was received and it was

VOTED, to allow skating on this pond at such times as the Superintendent shall judge it to be safe and proper.

An order of the City Council requesting that North Brighton Playground be flooded for skating, also orders of the Common Council requesting that the easterly end of Dorchester Park be flooded for skating, and that Charlestown Playground be prepared for skating, were received and referred to the Chairman for reply.

An order of the Common Council requesting the Board to refund to its employees the amounts paid by them for uniforms, and to arrange that all uniforms hereafter required shall be paid for out of the Department appropriation, was received and placed on file.

A remonstrance from F. P. Sprague, B. Rodman Weld, and Thornton K. Lothrop against relaxing or abolishing the rule against the admission of automobiles in the parks, in certain hours, in favor of physicians, stating that no sufficient reason is shown for modifying the rules in favor of physicians, and that any such modification, if restricted to them, would be very unpopular with all persons using motor vehicles in the park, who did not belong to this favored class, would encourage such persons to disregard these rules, and would be but an entering wedge to force the speedy abolition by the Commissioners of the wise regulations now established, was received and placed on file.

A complaint from B. R. Weld that automobile # 1804 was in the Parkman Road at 1.20 P.M.,December 6, 1900, was brought to the attention of the Board by Mr. Prendergast

The Board approved the plan of the Boston Electric Light Company for proposed location of pipes in the bridge over the Fens waterway, at Ipswich street, dated December 12, 1900.

WHEREAS, the Board of Park Commissioners of the City of Boston, desiring to record its appreciation of the genius of

DECEMBER 24, 1900.

Mr. Frederick Law Olmsted and to perpetuate in a conspicuous and fitting manner, in connection with the comprehensive and beautiful park system which he has created for this City, the name of a great artist and public benefactor, passes the following votes.-

VOTED, that the name of Leverett Park, heretofore given to that part of the parks which lies between Washington street at the boundary between the City of Boston and the Town of Brookline and Perkins street, and the name of Jamaica Park, heretofore given to that part of the parks which is adjacent to Jamaica Pond, be discontinued;

VOTED, that those parts of the parks heretofore known as Leverett Park and Jamaica Park be called Olmsted Park, in honor of Frederick Law Olmsted;

VOTED, that the Secretary be instructed to cause the above statement and votes to be published in the daily papers of this City and in the principal newspapers in other parts of the country.

VOTED, to recommend to the Park Commissioners of Brookline to designate officially as Olmsted Park that part of the Brookline park system which lies between Pond avenue in Brookline and Olmsted Park in Boston, as the Brookline system at this point forms an integral part of Olmsted Park and as it is obviously for the public interest that this part of the combined system of Brookline and Boston should bear one name.

Adjourned to January 1,1901.

Geo. F. Clarke,
Sec'y.